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ORANJESTAD - The Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino extended a heartfelt welcome to the Royal Couple, King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima. Commemorating the royal visit, Renaissance Aruba decorated their property in true Royal Regalia! Page 16



## Brutal Crime Shocks Virginia Town

Virginia State police investigators surround the home of Virginia State Sen. Creigh Deeds in Millboro, Va., Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013. The son of Deeds stabbed his father in the head and chest before apparently killing himself with a gun, according to initial reports from police.

(AP Photo/Steve Helber)

## Authorities: Virginia political figure stabbed by son

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R. Creigh Deeds, a leading Virginia political figure who ran unsuccessfully for governor in 2009, was stabbed repeatedly Tuesday at his home during an altercation with his son, who then died of a gunshot wound, the authorities said.

Investigators believe that Deeds' son, Gus, 24, stabbed his father before taking his own life. A spokeswoman for the Virginia State Police, Corinne Geller, described the episode as "an attempted murder-suicide."

Deeds, 55, was in fair condition by late afternoon, after being flown by helicopter from rural Bath County,

where he lives, to the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville. He was treated for multiple stab wounds to his head and upper torso.

Geller offered no details about the argument between father and son. Citing state law prohibiting disclosure of mental health information, she would not confirm or deny reports that Gus Deeds had undergone a psychiatric evaluation Monday under an emergency order but had been released when there were no clinic beds available in the region.

Dennis A. Cropper, executive director of Rockbridge Area Community Services, told The Richmond Times-

Dispatch that Gus Deeds had been evaluated at Bath Community Hospital and released.

Cropper issued a statement late Tuesday declining to elaborate, citing the family's wish for privacy. In general, he said, no one can be held against their will beyond six hours under an emergency custody order. Gus Deeds, whose given name was Austin, was alive when the police arrived at the house he shared with his father and stepmother, Geller said.

He died soon after from his wounds.

Despite his injuries, Creigh Deeds was able to walk down the driveway from his home in the community of

Millboro to a state highway, the authorities said. A cousin who was driving by took him to his house.

The authorities responded to a 911 call at 7:25 a.m.

The stabbing sent shock waves through Virginia political circles. The governor-elect, Terry McAuliffe, said in a statement, "Dorothy and I are praying for Senator Creigh Deeds and his family in the wake of this awful tragedy."

Sen. Mark Warner posted a Twitter message saying: "Stunning news from Bath County. I am praying for Creigh Deeds and his family at this very, very difficult time."

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## Economic organization now says it predicts even lower global growth

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**FRANKFURT, Germany** - Nervousness about U.S. monetary policy and fears of a budget and borrowing breakdown in Washington are having a bigger drag on the global economy than expected, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development warned Tuesday as it took a more pessimistic view of global growth than six months ago.

The organization, whose members include the United States and most of the eurozone, said U.S. policy is having far-reaching negative effects on developing countries like Indonesia and Brazil. Economic problems in those countries will ricochet back to the United States and Europe, the OECD said, in the form of weaker demand for products from the developed world.

"We used to think of emerging countries as an engine of growth," Pier Carlo Padoan, the OECD chief economist, said at a news conference in Paris. "This view has to be adjusted."

In its twice-yearly assessment, the organization portrayed a world slowly recovering but still highly vulnerable to shocks. Global growth will be 2.7 percent this year and 3.6 percent next year, the OECD estimated, almost half a percentage point less than previously predicted.

Padoan said economists were caught off guard by the near-panic in financial markets that ensued after the Federal Reserve suggested that it might begin tapering off its stimulus to the U.S. economy. As market interest rates rose, investors fled emerging markets, amplifying other problems in countries like Brazil, Turkey or South Africa.

"The recovery is real, but at a slow speed, and there may be turbulence on the horizon," Ángel Gurría, the secretary-general of the OECD, said in a statement.

"The exit from nonconventional monetary policy will be challenging," Gurría said, "but so will action to prevent another flare-up in the euro area and to ensure that Japan's growth prospects and fiscal targets are achieved."

The OECD, based in Paris, said the eurozone would grow 1 percent next year after output declined an estimated 0.6 percent this year. The forecast was lower than the 1.1 percent the OECD estimated in May. Eurozone growth will not be strong enough to make a big dent in unemployment, which is more than 12 percent, the OECD said Tuesday.

Even the OECD's downbeat estimates were considered too optimistic by some economists. Marie Diron, an economist who advises the consulting firm Ernst & Young, disputed the OECD's prediction that unemployment in the eurozone will fall to less than 12 percent in 2015.

"We think that this threshold will only be crossed in 2016," Diron said in an email. "A faster fall in unemployment would require a marked increase in productivity growth, which we have no evidence of so far."

Still, there was some good news from Europe on Tuesday after the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association said auto sales rose for a second month in a row in the European Union. New registrations of passenger cars rose 4.7 percent in October compared with October 2012. The OECD warned that growth in emerging markets is slowing, which could also be a drag on Japan and the euro area because of their exports to the developing world. The OECD forecast growth of 1.5 percent for Japan in 2014 after an expansion of 1.8 percent this year, a more optimistic outlook than in May. Gurría said many of the classic elements of a global economic recovery are still weak or missing, including credit growth, higher business investment and world trade. □

## \$13B JPMorgan settlement announced

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JPMorgan Chase and the Justice Department finalized a \$13 billion settlement Tuesday, punctuating a long legal battle over the risky mortgage practices that became synonymous with the financial crisis.

The civil settlement, which materialized after months of wrangling, resolves an array of state and federal investigations into JPMorgan's sale of troubled mortgage securities to pension funds and other investors from 2005 through 2008. The government accused the bank of not fully dis-

single company has ever paid to the government.

The magnitude of the payout reflects a broader strategy shift within the Justice Department to hit Wall Street where it hurts most: the bottom line. Once content to extract multi-million dollar fines that critics dismissed as little more than a slap on the wrist, prosecutors have signaled to the nation's biggest banks that the billion-dollar mark is a floor rather than a ceiling. In the JPMorgan case, the Justice Department secured a range of other concessions. For one, JPMorgan had to acknowledge a statement of facts that outline the bank's

that is no excuse for the firm's behavior."

Underscoring the importance of the case, top Justice Department officials led the settlement talks. Holder negotiated directly with Jamie Dimon, JPMorgan's chief executive.

For JPMorgan and Dimon, once a favorite in Washington, the deal reflects just how far the pendulum has swung. While the settlement will remove one of JPMorgan's biggest legal headaches, the bank continues to face a criminal investigation into its role as Bernard L. Madoff's bank and its decision to hire the sons and daughters of some of China's ruling elite.



**Jamie Dimon, chief executive of JPMorgan Chase, testifies at a Congressional hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington in June, 2012. JPMorgan Chase and the Justice Department finalized a \$13 billion settlement on Tuesday, punctuating a long legal battle over the risky mortgage practices that became synonymous with the financial crisis. Stephen Cutler, general counsel of JPMorgan Chase, is second from right. (Daniel Rosenbaum/The New York Times)**

closing the risks of buying such securities, which imploded in 2008 and helped plunge the economy to its lowest depths since the Depression.

JPMorgan's settlement strikes at the core of the accusations, requiring the bank to pay fines to prosecutors and provide relief to struggling homeowners as well as compensation for harmed investors. JPMorgan initially planned to pay about \$3 billion, a position it abandoned midway through negotiations. The final \$13 billion deal eclipses other major Wall Street settlements. In fact, it is the largest sum that a

wrongdoing in the case. JPMorgan also backed down from demands that prosecutors drop a related criminal investigation into the bank and largely forfeited the right to try to later recoup some of the \$13 billion from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

"Without a doubt, the conduct uncovered in this investigation helped sow the seeds of the mortgage meltdown," Attorney General Eric Holder said in a statement. "JPMorgan was not the only financial institution during this period to knowingly bundle toxic loans and sell them to unsuspecting investors, but

The \$13 billion deal also comes just days after the bank struck a separate \$4.5 billion deal with a group of investors over the sale of soured mortgage-backed securities. The bank recently reported its first quarterly loss under Dimon, citing the mounting legal woes.

"We are pleased to have concluded this extensive agreement," Dimon said in a statement Tuesday. The bank noted in the statement that it was "fully reserved for this settlement," which "terminates all pending civil enforcement investigations" into its residential mortgage securities. □



# Officials were warned about health website woes

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WASHINGTON - Senior

early this year that the effort to build the Health-Care.gov site was falling behind and at risk of fail-

The report, by McKinsey & Co., which was prepared in April at the request of the Department of Health and Human Services, said that management indecision and a "lack of transparency and alignment on critical issues" were threatening progress, despite the tight deadline.

The McKinsey report found that the effort was at risk because of issues including "significant dependency on external parties/contractors," as well as "insufficient time and scope of end-to-end testing," and "parallel stacking of all phases," all predictions that have turned out to be accurate.

Briefings on the report were held in the spring at the White House and at the headquarters of the Health

and Human Services Department and for leaders at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, congressional investigators said.

"The administration was on track - on track for a disaster - and yet officials refused to be transparent with the Congress and the American people," said Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., the committee chairman.

The latest evidence detailing the troubled startup of the website came as Obama administration officials said that as of mid-November, the number of enrollees, who had selected a marketplace plan, was more than 50,000 - up from 27,000 in the entire month of October but still a fraction of the number the administration once hoped for.

Despite the progress, specialists are worried about whether they can meet the administration's goal of enabling 4 in 5 users to enroll through the online federal exchange, Health-Care.gov, by the end of the month. One person familiar with the effort said a more realistic goal was that 4 out of 5 people "have a positive experience," which could include being redirected to customer service agents. White House officials said Monday that many of the remaining users would turn to call-in or counseling centers because their insurance situations were complicated. But specialists involved in the repair effort said technical issues may frustrate more users than administration officials suggest. □



Fred Chang, a cyber security chair at Southern Methodist University, during a House Committee on Science, Space and Technology hearing about potential security risks of Healthcare.gov at the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, Nov. 19, 2013.

(T.J. Kirkpatrick/The New York Times)

Obama administration officials, including several in the White House, were warned by an outside management consultant

ure unless immediate steps were taken to correct the problems, according to documents released by House investigators.

## Authorities: Virginia political figure stabbed by son

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Deeds was the victor in the Democratic primary for governor in 2009, defeating McAuliffe, who in his second try was elected governor this month over Attorney General Kenneth T. Cuccinelli II.

Deeds was defeated four years ago in the general election by Bob McDonnell, the departing governor, who won in a 17-point landslide.

Gus Deeds was one of four children of Deeds and his former wife, Pam, whose marriage ended a few months after the 2009 general election. Deeds remarried in 2012. The couple shared a home with Gus, a former student of William & Mary College. His Facebook page said he liked mountain climbing, instrument making and computer games. Under political views, he wrote, "Too busy with love to care."

As a state senator, Deeds has represented the 25th District in rural western Vir-

ginia since 2001. Before that he served nine years in the Virginia House of Delegates.

In an interview last summer, he reflected on his upset 2009 primary victory over two better-known Democrats: McAuliffe and Brian Moran, the leader of the Democratic caucus in the House of Delegates.

"I won the primary, much to the surprise of a lot of people," he said.

He lamented that he had never been a very good fundraiser and was unable to reconstitute the coalition that had elected President Barack Obama in Virginia in 2008 - the feat that McAuliffe was able to accomplish this year.

"Our first bit of polling indicated there was no argument we could make that would allow us to duplicate the turnout of 2008," Deeds recalled. "The only thing we could do was go very negative against Bob McDonnell. We started to do that, but that's not who I am." □

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# Obama moves ahead toward Iran nuclear deal



President Barack Obama pauses as he listens to a question about corporate tax reform during the Wall Street Journal CEO Council annual meeting in Washington, Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013. Obama also discussed the economy, the problems with the new health care law roll out, immigration reform, and negotiations with Iran over their nuclear program.

(AP Photo/ Evan Vucci)

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — On the eve of new talks, President Barack Obama is plunging ahead in search of a nuclear agreement with Iran despite outright opposition from American allies in the Middle East and deep skepticism, if not open hostility, from Congress.

Iran is pressing ahead in its own way, trying to make a deal more likely to ease painful economic sanctions without losing its own hardliners at home.

There was a fresh sign of efforts to make headway as negotiators from Iran, the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council and Germany prepared for Wednesday's new round of talks in Geneva. British Prime Minister David Cameron contacted Iranian President Hassan Rouhani in the first such conversation between the leaders of the two countries in more than a decade.

Cameron's office said the leaders agreed during their telephone conversation that significant progress had been made in recent talks and that it was important to "seize the opportunity" in this week's new negotiations.

Obama's willingness to embrace a pact that falls short of Security Council demands for Iran to halt uranium enrichment has pushed his administration's already contentious relationship with Israel to the brink, strained ties with Gulf Arab states and exacerbated tensions with Democratic and Republican lawmakers.

Although everyone claims to have the same goal — preventing Iran from developing atomic weapons — the rancorous, public disagreement over how to achieve it has driven a wedge between the administration and those who the administration insists will benefit most from a deal.

Opponents say Iran is getting too much in the way of sanctions relief for too little in the way of concessions.

And, they argue, Iran just can't be trusted. Obama and his national security team counter that the risk is worth taking. The alternative, they say, is a path to war that no one wants.

In the run-up to the new talks, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani conceded a longstanding demand that Iran's right to enrich uranium must be recognized in any deal, and that incited opposition from hardliners in the his country. Also, speaking to reporters in Rome while en route to the negotiations, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammed Javad Zarif accused Israel of trying to "torpedo" a possible agreement.

Yet most signs seemed to be pointing to a deal coming together before or over the weekend.

Obama, along with Secretary of State John Kerry and National Security Adviser Susan Rice, personally appealed to senators in a White House meeting to hold off on seeking additional sanctions in order to test Iran's seriousness in addressing concerns it is trying to develop nuclear weapons.

"We have the opportunity to halt the progress of the Iranian program and roll it back in key respects, while testing whether a comprehensive resolution can be achieved," the White House said in a statement after the two-hour meeting Tuesday. It said if there is not an initial agreement, Iran will keep making progress on increasing enrichment capacity, growing its stockpiles of enriched uranium, installing new centrifuges and developing a plutonium reactor in the city of Arak.

White House press secretary Jay Carney said Obama told the senators that new sanctions would be most effective as a consequence if Iran refused to accept the deal now on the table or agreed and then failed to comply. And the president rejected reports that Iran would receive \$40 billion or \$50 billion in sanctions relief. □

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# Choking allegation made against Zimmerman

MIKE SCHNEIDER

Associated Press

SANFORD, Florida (AP) —

Prosecutors said Tuesday that a former neighborhood watchman acquitted in the high-profile killing of an unarmed black

was acquitted earlier this year of all charges in the fatal shooting of Trayvon Martin that sparked nationwide debates about race and self-defense laws.

Zimmerman's 27-year-old girlfriend, Samantha

broken table.

The prosecutor said Scheibe feared for her life because Zimmerman mentioned suicide and said he "had nothing to lose." Zimmerman's public defenders said after the hearing that he didn't appear to be suicidal.

A judge set Zimmerman's bond at \$9,000 and ordered that he not possess guns or ammunition. He was ordered to stay away from the girlfriend's house and wear a monitoring device. He was released from jail hours after his court appearance.

In an affidavit filed Tuesday, Zimmerman asked for a public defense, saying he has liabilities and debts of at least \$2 million and no income. He said he had less than \$150 in cash

on hand. Zimmerman, who identifies himself as Hispanic, was acquitted earlier this year of all charges in the shooting death of 17-year-old Martin, whose relatives accused Zimmerman of racially profiling the teen and instigating a fight. Zimmerman said he shot the teen in self-defense during a fight in February 2012 inside a gated community. His supporters championed Florida's so-called stand your ground law, which protects gun owners.

The Justice Department has been investigating whether to file civil rights charges against Zimmerman related to Martin's death, and a department spokesman said Tuesday that it would announce its decision soon. □



George Zimmerman, the acquitted shooter in the death of Trayvon Martin, appears in court after being arrested in response to a domestic disturbance call involving his girlfriend, Samantha Scheibe, in Sanford, Fla., Nov. 19, 2013. Zimmerman was charged with aggravated assault, domestic battery and criminal mischief in relation to the incident and was released on bond. (Joe Burbank/Pool via The New York Times)

U.S. teen tried to choke his girlfriend and left her fearing for her life. George Zimmerman, 30, made his first court appearance after his latest brush with the law, for which he faces charges of aggravated assault. He

Scheibe, accused him in a police call of pointing a gun at her, smashing a coffee table and pushing her outside. Zimmerman also called dispatchers, denying pointing a gun at her and blaming her for the

## NYC:

### Tobacco sales banned to under 21's

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) —

New York City's mayor signed legislation Tuesday banning the sale of tobacco products to anyone under 21, making New York the first large city or state in the U.S. to prohibit sales to young adults.

Outgoing Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a former smoker, has had a special focus on health measures during his 12 years in office.

Bloomberg said raising the legal purchase age from 18 to 21 will help prevent young people from experimenting with tobacco at the age when they are most likely to become addicted. City health officials say 80 percent of smokers start before age 21.

The mayor also signed legislation setting a minimum price for all cigarettes sold in the city: \$10.50 per pack. The city already has the nation's highest cigarette taxes. Bloomberg re-

jected criticism from some retailers that the measures would hurt the economy and lead to job losses.

"This is an issue of whether we are going to kill people," Bloomberg said.

The city estimates that about 27,000 New Yorkers ages 18 to 20 smoke.

Teenagers can still possess tobacco legally. Kids will still be able to steal cigarettes from their parents, take them from friends or buy them from the black-market dealers who are common in many neighborhoods. Tobacco companies and some retailers had said the age increase would simply drive teenagers to the black market.

"What are you really accomplishing? It's not like they are going to quit smoking. Why? Because there are so many other places they can buy cigarettes," said Jim Calvin, president of the New York Association of Convenience Stores. □

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## Barneys counters profiling allegations

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A review commissioned by Barneys New York found the luxury store does not have a written or unwritten policy to profile customers based on race and didn't initiate any police action against two black customers who said they were wrongly accused of credit card fraud, complaints that ignited a furor.

Last month, the customers separately accused Barneys of racial profiling after they said they lawfully purchased expensive items but were detained by police on suspicion of credit card fraud.

Customer Trayon Christian sued Barneys, saying he was accused of fraud after using his debit card to buy a \$349 Ferragamo belt in April. Kayla Phillips filed a notice saying she would sue after she was stopped by detectives outside the store when she bought a \$2,500 Celine handbag in February.

The complaints led to allegations that Barneys as well

as other department stores were targeting minorities. The company head met with the Rev. Al Sharpton, and Jay Z was prompted to announce he would move forward with a planned Barneys collaboration de-

sociated Press is the first detailed look at accounts given by Barneys employees who were involved in the encounters. It was completed by San Francisco attorney Michael Yaki, who serves on the U.S.



**A shopper stands in front of Barney's, Monday, Nov. 18, 2013 in New York. Behind her construction workers fabricate a gilded enclosure that will contain a holiday display.**

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

spite public pressure that he back out of the deal amid the allegations.

The five-page report obtained Tuesday by The As-

sociation on Civil Rights. Barneys retained him to lead a review of its policies and procedures after the complaints surfaced. □

## Gates chokes up at Ballmer's shareholder goodbye meet

RYAN NAKASHIMA  
 AP Business Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Microsoft chairman Bill Gates choked up while reading from prepared remarks during Steve Ballmer's final shareholders meeting as chief executive.

The co-founder of the software giant said progress was being made to find Ballmer's replacement and he thanked him for serving as CEO for the last 13 years. Only Gates and Ballmer have led Microsoft Corp. since its founding in 1975.

Gates grew emotional while saying that both he and Ballmer are committed to making sure "that the next CEO is the right person for the right time for the company we both love."

Ballmer, who said in August that he would step down within 12 months, was mostly light-hearted at what he called a "unique and fun meeting."

One shareholder suggested a U.S. government cabinet post as an information technology secretary be created for Ballmer. The outgoing CEO replied that he didn't think the job would make sense, adding "but thank you for trying to help me find work."

Gates gave no timeline for a decision on a new CEO by the search committee. He said the new leader must have "a lot of comfort in leading a highly technical organization and have an ability to work with our top technical talent to seize the opportunities."

The company is considering internal and external candidates. Among the top internal candidates are reportedly enterprise cloud computing executive Satya Nadella, business development executive and former Skype CEO Tony Bates and Chief Operating Officer Kevin Turner. External candidates reportedly include former Nokia CEO Stephen Elop and Ford CEO Alan Mulally, a longtime Ballmer friend.

Microsoft representatives have declined to comment on the candidates being considered.

The company, based in Redmond, Washington, said Tuesday that all of its proposals were approved. Board nominees, including Ballmer and Gates, were re-elected with each nominee backed by more than 90 percent of the votes cast.

The shareholders meeting, which took place in neighboring Bellevue and was webcast, came at a time of transition for Microsoft.

PC sales, the bedrock of Microsoft's Windows operating software business, have been declining. The company has been late to growing areas like Internet search and tablet computing.

Windows 8, released a year ago, attempts to bridge the divide between keyboard-and-mouse-centric personal computers and touch-based tablets. But customers griped that there were few touch-based apps and that the desktop mode removed familiar navigation tools like the Start button. A free upgrade called Windows 8.1, released last month, sought to address some of those concerns and added new features. □

## Police:

## Ex-Florida official's husband found dead

**BRENDAN FARRINGTON**  
**TAMARA LUSH**  
**Associated Press**

The husband of former Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris, who became known nationally for her role in the contested 2000 presidential election, was found dead Tuesday of an apparent suicide at the couple's mansion, police said.

Harris' husband, Anders Ebbeson, 68, was found dead at the home when officers were called Tuesday morning, said Sarasota Police spokeswoman Genevieve Judge.

The Swedish businessman had suffered from health issues in recent years, said Pastor William Hild of Sarasota First Baptist Church. Hild declined to elaborate on those health problems or how Ebbeson killed himself. Harris was in office overseeing the 2000 election in Florida and proved instrumental in delivering the state's contested electoral votes, and the White House, to President George W. Bush.

Ebbeson was a Swedish businessman who owned several European business interests, including a busi-

ness that equipped yachts with appliances and lighting. Harris credited her husband with helping her through tough political moments.

"He was much beloved by his family," Hild said. "He was very warm and a generous person." Ebbeson and Harris met in 1996 in Sarasota and married the same year. They were both divorced. According to a 2006 Tampa Bay Times article, they were set up on a blind date to an opera.

"It was a very loving and caring relationship," Hild said. □





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# Supreme Court refuses to block Texas abortion law

**MARK SHERMAN**  
**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A sharply divided Supreme Court on Tuesday allowed Texas to continue enforcing abortion restrictions that opponents say have led more than a third of the state's clinics to stop providing abortions.

The justices voted 5-4 to leave in effect a provision requiring doctors who perform abortions in clinics to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital.

The court's conservative majority refused the plea of Planned Parenthood and several Texas abortion clinics to overturn a preliminary federal appeals court ruling that allowed the provision to take effect.

The four liberal justices dissented.

The case remains on appeal to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans. That court is expected to hear arguments in January, and the law will remain in effect at least until then.

Justice Stephen Breyer, writing for the liberal justices, said he expects the issue to return to the Supreme Court once the appeals court issues its final ruling.

The Texas Legislature approved the requirement for admitting privileges in July. In late October, days before the provision was to take effect, a trial judge blocked it, saying it probably is unconstitutional because it puts a "substantial obstacle" in front of a woman wanting an abortion.

But a three-judge appellate panel moved quickly to overrule the judge. The appeals court said the law was in line with Supreme Court rulings that have allowed for abortion restrictions so long as they do not impose an "undue burden" on a woman's ability to obtain an abortion. Writing for the appeals court, Judge Priscilla Owen noted that the Texas law would not end the procedure, only force women to drive a greater distance to obtain one.

Justice Antonin Scalia, writing in support of the high court order Tuesday, said the clinics could not overcome a heavy legal burden against overruling the appeals court. The justices may not do so "unless that court clearly and demonstrably erred," Scalia said in an opinion that was joined by Justices Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas.

Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Anthony Kennedy did not write separately or join any opinion Tuesday, but because it takes five votes to overturn the appellate ruling, it is clear that they voted with their conservative colleagues.

Planned Parenthood and several Texas abortion clinics said in their lawsuit to stop the measure that it would force more than a third of clinics in the state to stop providing abortions. After the appeals court allowed the law to take effect, the groups said that their prediction had come to pass.

In their plea to the Supreme

Court, they said that "in just the few short days since the injunction was lifted, over one-third of the facilities

providing abortions in Texas have been forced to stop providing that care and others have been forced to

drastically reduce the number of patients to whom they are able to provide care. □



Opponents and supporters of an abortion bill hold signs outside the Texas Capitol, in Austin, Texas. A sharply divided Supreme Court on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013, allowed Texas to continue enforcing abortion restrictions that opponents say have led more than a third of the state's clinics to stop providing abortions.

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## 'Apocalyptic' storm floods island of Sardinia, 16 dead

**NICOLE WINFIELD**  
**Associated Press**

**ROME (AP)** — The Mediterranean island of Sardinia, prized by the jet-set for its white sand beaches and crystal-clear seas, was a flood-ravaged mud bath Tuesday after a freak torrential rainstorm killed at least 16 people, downed bridges and swept away cars.

Italian Premier Enrico Letta declared a state of emergency and set aside 20 million euros (\$27 million) for emergency relief, saying the priority was reaching remote areas, saving the lives of those still unaccounted for and providing for those left homeless. Letta later traveled to the island, where he met with people hit by the floods. The island, which draws royals, entrepreneurs and ordinary tourists alike during the dry, peak summer months, received more than 44 centimeters (17.3 inches) of rain in 24 hours Monday — half the amount it normally receives in a year, officials said.

Italy's civil protection chief, Franco Gabrielli, said the death toll may still rise as crews reach isolated areas in the countryside where some homes are submerged. The civil protection agency in Olbia said the official toll was 16 with one missing late Tuesday, correcting the death toll of 17 that was issued earlier by a regional official.

Pope Francis said in a message posted on Twitter that he was "deeply moved by the appalling tragedy that hit Sardinia." He asked followers to offer prayers to the victims, "especially for the children."

Transport was hampered by rivers of cocoa-colored mud gushing over roads that forced the closure of

several major thoroughfares, including a tunnel into the city of Olbia, according to the Anas company which runs Italy's roads and highways.

Olbia Mayor Gianni Giovannelli said the city had been destroyed by the "apocalyptic" storm, with bridges felled and water levels reaching 3 meters (10 feet) in some places. He described the ferocity of the storm's rains as a "water bomb."

Gabrielli defended the civil protection's alert system, which had signaled an "elevated" risk of the storm on much of Sardinia, the highest level of alert. He warned against day-after finger-pointing, saying evacuation orders had been issued and ignored and that no weather forecast could have predicted the "exceptional" degree of devastation.

Olbia resident Marcello Piredda said he lost all the possessions in his flooded house.

"I saw (the river) overflowing, as everybody else saw it. I saved a dog. I saved a person," Piredda said as he cleaned debris that had collected outside his home.

Sardinia's governor, Ugo Cappellacci, said the dead included a family of four, reportedly of Brazilian origin, in Arzachena.

Local newspaper L'Unione Sarda said a policeman helping to escort an am-

people died after their car was swept away in the collapse of another bridge, the paper said.

Sardinia is the second-largest island in the Mediterranean and is one of Italy's autonomous regions. While

ians are famed for their exceptional longevity.

Other parts of Italy were also hit by heavy rains Tuesday, including the capital, Rome, and Venice in the north, where residents and tourists donned rubber



**A truck and a bus are stranded by flood waters in a tunnel near Olbia, Italy. The Mediterranean island of Sardinia, prized by the jet-set for its white sand beaches and crystal-clear seas, was a flood-ravaged mud bath Tuesday after a freak torrential rainstorm killed at least 17 people, downed bridges and swept away cars. Olbia Mayor Gianni Giovannelli said the city had been destroyed by the "apocalyptic" storm, with bridges felled and water levels reaching 3 meters (10 feet) in some places. He described the ferocity of the storm's rains as a "water bomb."**

(AP Photo/Massimo Locci)

balance died when the car he was travelling in was submerged in the collapse of a bridge in Dorgali. In hard-hit Gallura, three

it's known to tourists for its pristine Costa Smeralda beaches, the island's interior is known for its sheep and pastoral life. Sardin-

boots to slosh through a St. Marks' Square flooded from the "acqua alta" high tides that periodically submerge the lagoon city. □

## Russia grants bail to 9 Greenpeace activists

**VITNIJA SALDAVA**  
**Associated Press**

**ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP)** — A Russian court on Tuesday granted bail to nine foreign Greenpeace protesters, the first non-Russians jailed and awaiting trial over a demonstration near a Russian oil rig to be made eligible for release.

The decision came a day after the Primorsky court in St. Petersburg refused to release an Australian activist, and another court granted bail to three Russians, in-

cluding prominent photographer Denis Sinyakov.

The Primorsky court set bail at 2 million rubles (\$61,500) each for the activists from Argentina, Canada, Brazil, Finland, France, Italy, New Zealand and Poland. The court said they will be released if the bail is paid within the next four days.

One of the activists, Miguel Orsi of Argentina, clutched a photograph of his baby daughter and cried upon hearing the judge's decision. Greenpeace said it

would make the money available as soon as possible. Judges in Greenpeace hearings had previously agreed with prosecutors that the foreign activists in the case were a flight risk; the Primorsky court did not say whether the seven could leave Russia while on bail. No trial dates have been set. Thirty people aboard a Greenpeace ship were detained in Russia's Arctic in September for a protest outside a floating oil rig and have been in

custody since. The activists were initially charged with piracy, but investigators later said they were bringing hooliganism charges and that the piracy charges would be dropped. People convicted of hooliganism are normally subject to fines, not prison sentences. Nineteen other crew members are expecting court rulings on their detentions. Former Beatle Paul McCartney had urged President Vladimir Putin to release all 30 detainees. □



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## Russian probe blames crash on faulty pilot maneuvering

JIM HEINTZ  
Associated Press

**MOSCOW (AP)** — The pilots of a Boeing 737 that plunged into the ground at Kazan airport lost speed in a steep climb then overcompensated and sent the plane into a near-vertical dive, according to a preliminary report released Tuesday by Russian aviation experts. All 50 people aboard were killed.

The Moscow-based Interstate Aviation Committee, which oversees civil flights in much of the former Soviet Union, said the plane's engines and other systems were working fine until the moment the plane crashed Sunday night.

The Tatarstan Airlines plane was flying from Moscow to the central city of Kazan, 720 kilometers (450 miles) to the east. The Russian aviation experts said the plane's two pilots had failed to make a proper landing approach on their first attempt, so they began a second try.

The report did not specify why the pilots aborted the first landing.

To get the plane ready for the second try, the pilots put the plane's engines on maximum power and raised the plane's nose up to an angle of about 25 degrees, the report said. That caused a loss of speed.

The normal procedure during an aborted landing is to apply near-maximum power and assume about a 5-to-7 degree nose-up attitude, said Kevin Hiatt, a former Delta Air Lines chief pilot and president of the Flight Safety Foundation, a U.S.-based nonprofit.

"Twenty-five degrees nose-up is excessive. There's no question about that whatsoever," Hiatt said. "Why

they determined they needed to go to that high an angle will be part of the investigation."

At an altitude of about 700 meters (2,200 feet), the crew tried to gain speed and avert a stall by putting the nose of the plane down. The report said the plane then went into a dive of about 75 degrees and smashed into the ground.

Airplanes can sometimes recover from steep dives but they must be at a sufficiently high altitude.

The plane's climb and its subsequent plunge lasted only about one minute and it struck the ground going about 450 kilometers per hour (280 mph), the report said.

The report drew its conclusions from data retrieved from one of the plane's two onboard black box recorders. A commission statement said the voice-recording tape that captures the crew's conversations had not been found, even though its container had been recovered.

Such "loss of control" accidents are responsible for more deaths than any other type of plane crash because they are rarely survivable, according to the Flight Safety Foundation, an industry-supported global aviation safety nonprofit based in Alexandria, Virginia.

The head of Tatarstan Airlines, Aksan Giniyatullin, told a news conference Tuesday in Kazan that the two pilots had plenty of flying experience — ranging from 1,900 to 2,500 hours — and had undergone all the necessary instruction. However, he said the crew apparently had no experience with attempting a second landing. □

## U.S.-Afghan security pact likely

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KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan officials said Tuesday that President Hamid Karzai would clear the way for a long-term security pact with the United States after receiving assurances that President Barack Obama

a broader bilateral security agreement, which would establish a framework for the continued presence of U.S. troops in Afghanistan after the current 2014 deadline for Western troop withdrawal.

The Afghans said that the breakthrough had come

agreed to such terms.

Even if both sides agree on a final wording for the security deal, the Afghans have made their final approval contingent on a vote this week by a loya jirga — a grand council of Afghan elders. Any wording allowing raids on Afghan



An giant picture of Afghan President Hamid Karzai is on display on a building in the center of Kabul, Afghanistan, Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013. Thousands of prominent Afghans are scheduled to meet in the Afghan capital for a Loya Jirga Nov. 21, 2013 to debate a contentious security agreement with the United States. Without the agreement the United States previously warned that it will remove all its troops by the end of 2014 and an estimated \$4.1 billion promised for Afghanistan's National Security Forces would likely be rescinded.

(AP Photo/Anja Niedringhaus)

would issue a contrite letter acknowledging U.S. military mistakes in Afghanistan and vowing not to repeat them.

Karzai's spokesman, Aimal Faizi, said that, in return for the letter, the Afghan leader would change course and accept wording allowing U.S.-led raids on Afghan homes under "extraordinary circumstances" to save the lives of U.S. soldiers. Just two days earlier, Afghan officials had said that the issue had effectively stalemated talks over

about during a phone call by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry to Karzai on Tuesday. Kerry initially offered to write the letter, and Karzai said he would compromise if Obama sent it instead — a stipulation to which Kerry agreed, according to Faizi.

A spokesman for the U.S. Embassy, Robert Hilton, would not comment on details of the negotiations. And the White House spokesman, Jay Carney, would not comment on whether Obama had

homes is likely to be met negatively at the meeting, given the deep outrage such missions have caused for years.

But Faizi said that such a letter from Obama would help win critics over. Carney nodded to the council's potential deal-breaker role in his comments Tuesday. "There are ongoing negotiations," he said.

"I would simply say this agreement is not reached until it goes through the loya jirga." □



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## 2 killed, 29 injured in South Africa mall collapse

**ROB CELLIERS**  
**Associated Press**

**TONGAAT, South Africa (AP)**

— A roof at a South African shopping mall that was under construction collapsed with a thunderous bang on Tuesday, killing two people and injuring 29 as survivors screamed for help, police and witnesses said. Rescue teams used cranes, sniffer dogs and spotlights as the search for any more survivors stretched into the night.

The collapse happened in Tongaat, near the eastern coastal city of Durban, and rescue teams rushed to help workers who were trapped beneath the rubble.

"The dogs are now combing the area for survivors," police Lt. Mandy Govender said Tuesday evening. "There's just chunks and chunks of concrete and we don't know what's underneath."

The deputy mayor of the municipality that includes Tongaat said construction should not have been taking place because contractors were not doing a proper job, the South Afri-

can Press Association reported.

"We took them to court a month ago," Nomvuzo Shabalala said. "We thought they had stopped."

have left the scene before notifying authorities.

Fiona Moonean, a resident whose house is located across a railway line from the collapsed part of the

"Just after 4.30 p.m., it was a thunderous sound. Before the bang, I heard too much scaffolding fall," Moonean told SAPA. "The whole concrete slab



Paramedics look for people trapped in a mall that collapsed in Tongaat, South Africa, Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013. South African police say one person has died and 26 were injured in a roof collapse at a shopping mall that was under construction. The accident happened Tuesday in Tongaat, near the eastern coastal city of Durban, and rescue teams rushed to the scene to help workers who were trapped beneath the rubble.

(AP Photo)

There were initial reports that up to 50 people were trapped in the debris. Police were checking names, and said some workers reported as missing may

mall, said she was washing dishes at the time of the incident, SAPA reported. A few days earlier, Moonean said, workers had started to remove the scaffolding.

crashed down with the pillars.

The smoke and dust was too thick. I heard them screaming out for help in Zulu."

She called emergency services and a woman took down her details, according to SAPA.

"She had to calm me down because I was so freaked out," Moonean said. "For me, the most traumatic is the sound of the guys' voices. That is the part that plays in my head."□

## EU lawmakers seek 18 years for art thieves

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**Associated Press**

**BUCHAREST, Romania (AP)**

— Romanian prosecutors are seeking 18-year sentences for two men who admitted to stealing seven paintings worth millions, including works by Picasso, Monet and Matisse, from a Dutch museum in a night-time raid, their lawyer said. Closing arguments were heard Tuesday in the case of Radu Dogaru and Eugen Darie. They will be sentenced on Nov. 26.

Defense lawyers asked for clemency, claiming the defendants believed the paintings were copies and noting that the owners received a massive insurance payment. The Triton Foundation, which owned the seven paintings that hung in Rotterdam's Kunsthal, has been paid 18 million euros (\$23.8 million). Insurers Lloyds of London are listed as a civil party in the trial. Chief defense lawyer Catalin Dancu said he expected ringleaders Dogaru and Darie to get seven years because they had pleaded guilty. But the prosecution on Tuesday asked for the maximum sentence of 18 years.

Dogaru, Darie and another man, Alexandru Bitu, who played a lesser role in the theft, admitted they took the paintings from the Kunsthal in October 2012.□

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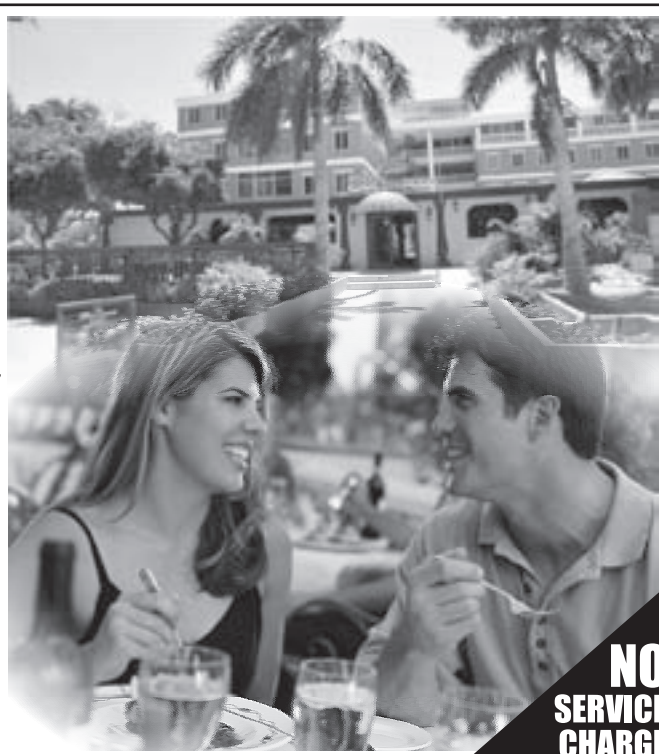
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## Suicide bombings at Iran Embassy in Beirut kill 23

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**Associated Press**

**BEIRUT (AP)** — Suicide bombers struck the Iranian Embassy on Tuesday, killing 23 people, including a diplomat, and wounding more than 140 others in a "message of blood and death" to Tehran and Hezbollah — both supporters of Syrian President Bashar Assad. The double bombing in a Shiite district of Beirut pulled Lebanon further into a conflict that has torn apart the deeply divided country, and came as Assad's troops, aided by Hezbollah militants, captured a key town near the Lebanese border from rebels. The bombing was one of the deadliest in a series of attacks targeting Hezbollah and Shiite strongholds in Lebanon in recent months.

An al-Qaida-linked group said it carried out the attack as payback for Hezbollah's backing of Assad forces against the mainly Sunni rebels as the Syrian civil war increasingly becomes a confrontation between regional powers. The Syrian army's border offensive is part of a larger government push that started last month and has seen forces loyal to Assad firmly seizing the momentum in the war, taking one rebel stronghold after another.

The attacks raised fears in Lebanon that Islamic extremists, now on the defensive in Syria, would increasingly hit back in Lebanon. The country is suffering the effects of competing sectarian loyalties.

"People fight outside (Lebanon), but send their messages through Lebanon. With bombs," said a mechanic whose store win-

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dows were shattered by the blasts. The midmorning explosions hit the neighborhood of Janah, a Hezbollah stronghold and home to several embassies and upscale apartments, leaving bodies and pools of blood on the glass-strewn street amid burning cars.

In the chaotic aftermath, volunteers tried to extinguish bodies still aflame from the blast by covering them with their sweaters and blankets.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon condemned the attacks and called on all Lebanese to recognize that "such appalling and indiscriminate acts of violence" target everyone in the country, U.N. acting deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry called the bombings "senseless and despicable," and said "our hearts go out to the Iranian people after this violent and unjustifiable attack claimed the life of at least one of their diplomats.

The dead Iranian was identified as Ibrahim Ansari, a 54-year-old diplomat who took up his post a month ago and was overseeing regional cultural activities, said Iranian Ambassador

Ghazanfar Roknabadi, speaking to Hezbollah's Al-Manar TV from inside the embassy compound.

Also among the dead was Radwan Fares, a Lebanese national who headed the

facility's security, according to a Lebanese official at the embassy who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to give official statements. The first suicide attacker

was on a motorcycle with two kilograms (4.4 pounds) of explosives and blew himself up at the embassy's black main gate, damaging the three-story facility, another Lebanese security

kilograms (110 pounds) of explosives struck about 10 meters (yards) away, the official added. Previous large-scale attacks on Hezbollah strongholds include an Aug.



**A Lebanese man runs in front of burned cars, at the scene after two explosions have struck near the Iranian Embassy killing many, in Beirut, Lebanon, Tuesday Nov. 19, 2013. The blasts in south Beirut's neighborhood of Janah also caused extensive damage on the nearby buildings and the Iranian mission. The area is a stronghold of the militant Hezbollah group, which is a main ally of Syrian President Bashar Assad in the civil war next door. It's not clear if the blasts are related to Syria's civil war.**

(AP Photo/Hussein Malla)

official said. He also spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media. Less than two minutes later, a second suicide attacker driving a car rigged with 50

15 car bombing in the southern Beirut suburbs that killed 27 people and wounded more than 300. A less powerful car bomb targeted the same area July 9, wounding more than 50.□

ings and other attacks. A separate attack by gunmen killed eight soldiers on patrol late Monday in the southern city of Ataq, in Shabwa province, a security official said speaking on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to brief the press. The soldiers were all killed while patrolling in their vehicle to secure oil pipelines in the area.□

## Yemen airstrike kills 3 militants in southeast

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**Associated Press**

**SANAA, Yemen (AP)** — An airstrike Tuesday killed three alleged al-Qaida militants in the country's southeast, Yemeni tribal leaders said Tuesday.

The leaders, who witnessed the strike in Hadramawt province, said they saw it hit a vehicle carrying the three militants and suspected it came from a U.S.

drone.

A Yemeni official said the government had not carried out any strikes in the area. Both the official and the witnesses spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media. The United States has regularly carried out drone strikes in Yemen, escalating the rate of attacks in the last year.

Washington rarely confirms individual strikes.

Yemen is fighting a war against al-Qaida's local branch, which Washington considers one of the world's most dangerous offshoots of the terror network. The branch, also known as Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, regularly strikes security and military targets with drive-by shootings, suicide bomb-

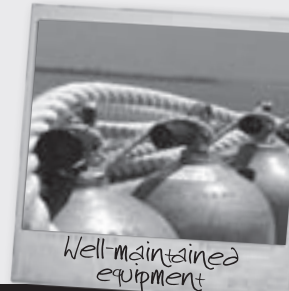


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# Venezuela's congress grants Maduro decree powers

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**Associated Press**  
**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— The Venezuelan congress granted President Nicolas Maduro emergen-

cy decree powers Tuesday that will strengthen the embattled leader's hand as he goes after businesses the government accuses of sabotaging Latin Amer-

ica's biggest oil economy. With the National Assembly's vote, widely expected since Maduro requested expanded powers a month ago, the president will be

able to enact laws without consulting congress for up to a year.

The same tactic was employed four times by Maduro's mentor and predecessor, the late Hugo Chavez, to promulgate dozens of laws that dramatically boosted state control over the economy.

But unlike the charismatic Chavez, who had near-absolute command over his party, doubts about Maduro's leadership have risen since he defeated opposition leader Henrique Capriles by a razor-thin margin in April's presidential election and as worsening shortages of basic goods and galloping inflation have eroded popular support for his rule.

In what may be a preview of more shock measures to come, Maduro in recent days has ordered the military to seize dozens of appliance stores, slash prices on imported electronics and arrest more than 100 business owners for alleged price gouging. On Tuesday, the Venezuelan unit of General Motors was fined the equivalent of \$85,000 for allegedly overcharging and practicing "usury" in the sale of car parts to lo-

cal concessionaires.

The measures have rallied Maduro's working-class base and even won approval from some government opponents who've joined the long lines snaking outside appliance stores nationwide for the last 10 days in search of deep discounts on TV sets and refrigerators.

The key question is whether Maduro will maintain the radical stance after next month's mayoral elections, which the opposition is trying to frame as a referendum on his rule, or adopt a more pragmatic tack in an effort to stabilize the economy.

After Tuesday's vote, National Assembly President Diosdado Cabello led a march of hundreds of red-shirted supporters from the legislature to the presidential palace to deliver the text of the decree law to Maduro.

The legislative process leading up to Tuesday's vote was marred by controversy after an opposition congresswoman was stripped of her immunity from prosecution over corruption charges, allowing for her substitution by a pro-government lawmaker who gave Maduro the crucial 99th vote needed to prevail.

Maduro has said his first act with expanded powers will be to approve a law setting profits and prices across industries. Inflation through October reached a two-decade high of 54 percent. □



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro gives a press conference at Miraflores presidential palace in Caracas, Venezuela. Venezuela's congress granted President Nicolas Maduro emergency decree powers Tuesday that will strengthen the embattled leader's hand.

(AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

## Mexican president denies meeting Justin Bieber

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Mexico's president has denied a tweet by Justin Bieber saying the singer met with the president and his family prior to a show.

It was the latest sour note in Bieber's controversy-filled Latin American tour.

President Enrique Pena Nieto's office put out a tweet late Monday that read "@Presidenciamx denies meeting between President @EPN with the singer @justinbieber."

That was a response to a

tweet from Bieber's official account saying "just met some amazing mexican believers and the presidente of Mexico and his familia." Apparently, Bieber was confused about whether the president was there or not. Early Tuesday, Bieber wrote in a tweet, "correction. I met the presidente's family and all their friends in the private meet and greet with all their security. They were very nice."

The 19-year-old pop sensation faces two criminal

complaints and demands for refunds in Argentina, in addition to trouble with police for allegedly spraying graffiti in Brazil.

Bieber angered Argentines by abandoning a concert after less than an hour and not showing up for a photo-op that some fans paid hundreds of dollars extra for. The singer's manager, Scooter Braun, said Bieber came down with food poisoning after a concert Saturday, and despite eight hours of intravenous fluids,

insisted on trying to do Sunday's concert against doctors' advice.

One Argentine lawyer is accusing Bieber of sending bodyguards to attack a photographer outside a Buenos Aires nightclub.

Another accuses him of defiling the national symbol by dragging two Argentine flags off stage with his feet and a microphone stand before 45,000 "beliebers" during the first of two concerts in River Plate stadium. □







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## Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino welcome the Royal Couple!

**ORANJESTAD** - The community of Aruba and especially Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino extend a heartfelt welcome to the Royal Couple, King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima. To commemorate this royal visit, Renaissance Aruba decorated room balconies and trees on the property with Dutch and Aruban flags. In addition, a fabulous 20-foot picture of the royal couple has been installed with orange lighting, which will illuminate the resort during night hours. Renaissance Marketplace joined in this celebration



and also decorated for this special occasion. Renaissance Aruba, Mall & Marketplace invites the entire community of Aruba to enjoy the festive decorations and take part of this spe-

cial first visit since Willem-Alexander ascended the throne as King. This visit is even more special with the companion of his Queen, Maxima that will surely make an impact on

each royal visit.

"It is a great honor for Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino to take part in this special and unique celebration.

Through the details in our decoration we extend a

heartfelt welcome to the royal couple and at the same time wish them a pleasant stay on the beautiful island of Aruba," Mrs. Zugheila Lindeborg, Renaissance Aruba Marketing Manager concluded. □



## Post Aruba, Western Union assist in Philippines disaster relief

**- Post Aruba as official agent of Western Union and Western Union Responds to Typhoon Haiyan with Support for Relief Efforts.**

**ORANJESTAD** - No-Fee\* Money Transfer Transactions to the Philippines will be Available from November 15, 2013 until November 30, 2013.

Post Aruba as official agent of Western Union and the Western Union Company today announced a multi-faceted response program that will provide support for disaster relief efforts that target the families and communities most affected by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

The Western Union Foundation is making a grant of US\$100,000 to Save the Children to support the organization's immediate response activities in the Philippines, which include providing emergency materials, meals and water to disaster victims.

In addition to grant funding from The Western Union Foundation, the Western Union Company has activated a no-fee\* money transfer transaction program for Post Aruba and all other agents throughout the Caribbean†, to the Philippines, through November 30, 2013. For Post Aruba this means that the Transaction Fees are excluded but the customer will still have to pay the Foreign Exchange

Commission (Government Tax). "In times like this we must act quickly and we make it our priority to take part in the efforts to provide relief by making it easier for customers to send money back home", said Mariano Dall'Orso, Senior VP Americas Central and

them to offer an economic lifeline. In times of adversity, we simply cannot stand by. Now is when that lifeline becomes even more important," said Sean Mason, Caribbean Regional Director at Western Union. Over the course of this week, and for the ben-

include promotion code HAIYANRELIEF with their transaction at retail Agent locations to utilize the no-fee offer. Additional countries for no-fee retail activations will be announced via social media in the coming days. Furthermore, in the Caribbean & United

Union form at retail locations, using the company name "American Red Cross" and the code city, "REDCROSS DC." Please write in, "Disaster Relief" as the account number.

"As well at Post Aruba we are proud to be able to join this action and to give our contribution to the kind people of the Philippines, we would like to invite the community of Aruba to come to any of our offices at Oranjestad, San Nicolas, Harbour Area, Palm Beach Plaza Mall, or Santa Cruz and to contribute with this noble cause" said Guillermo Raymond Director at Post Aruba. \*Western Union may make money on the exchange of currencies. Taxes may apply.

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Disclaimer: Due to severity of Typhoon Haiyan, some Western Union Agent locations in the Philippines may not be immediately available. □



**A rainbow rises along damaged homes in Tacloban city, Leyte province, central Philippines Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013. Hundreds of thousands of people were displaced by Typhoon Haiyan, which tore across several islands in the eastern Philippines on Nov. 8. Post Aruba, as official agent of Western Union, and Western Union are doing their best to provide a ray of light for victims of Typhoon Haiyan with support for relief efforts.**

(AP Photo/Aaron Favila)

Canada at Western Union. No-fee\* money transfers will be available from the Caribbean† to the Philippines including payout at retail outlets—as they reopen or cash-to-mobile as cellular networks come back online. "Members of the Philippine diaspora make their way to the Caribbean to earn a living and send money back home. On a day-to-day basis, our services help

enefit of consumers sending money to family and loved ones in the Philippines. The Western Union Company will also activate a no-fee\* money transfer transaction program from participating Agent locations in the Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malaysia, Portugal, Spain, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States, through November 30, 2013. Consumers in the United States will need to

States, Western Union has set up a no-fee Payments contribution account benefitting the American Red Cross, to support international relief efforts in the Philippines. Donors can contribute by making a no-fee\* Payments transaction at participating Western Union Agent locations, directed to the account, up to US\$5,000. Donors will need to complete the blue section on the Western



## Queen Maxima wows the crowd with her fashion-forward style

**ORANJESTAD** - It looks like Queen Maxima has upped her fashion game since becoming queen. The Argentine-born beauty became queen back in April after her husband Willem-Alexander ascended the throne as King. Since, she has wowed with her impressive style, looking nothing short of impeccable on engagements at home and abroad and certainly we can't wait to see her gorgeous outfits prepare to meet our one happy island, Aruba.

Queen Maxima was the epitome of understated chic in a black satin dress and matching peep-toe heels with bright blue earrings which added a touch of sparkle to the outfit. She also trends softer colors with a cream dress with black lace and a matching coat and kitten heels which was the perfect choice for the formal occasion. Queen Maxima chose to glam up, opting for a purple and cream peplum floral dress that flattered her womanly curves. She paired the dress with a large beige hat and nude court shoes. She always styles her clothing with an up-do to ensure that all eyes were on her striking with attractive jacket and unique skirts.

The blonde showed off her penchant for bright colors as she visited Germany with a fashionable orange top with a matching hat which looked gorgeous on her. The queen featured a tangerine dream outfit during her two-day trip to Germany, in an orange peplum top and a beige skirt with nude court shoes which completed the entire look. Certainly we admire the Queen fashion style from elegant to formal which certainly shows her royal taste. □





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## NFL Roundup

# Newton lifts Panthers over Patriots 24-20

**Steve Reed**

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**CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)**

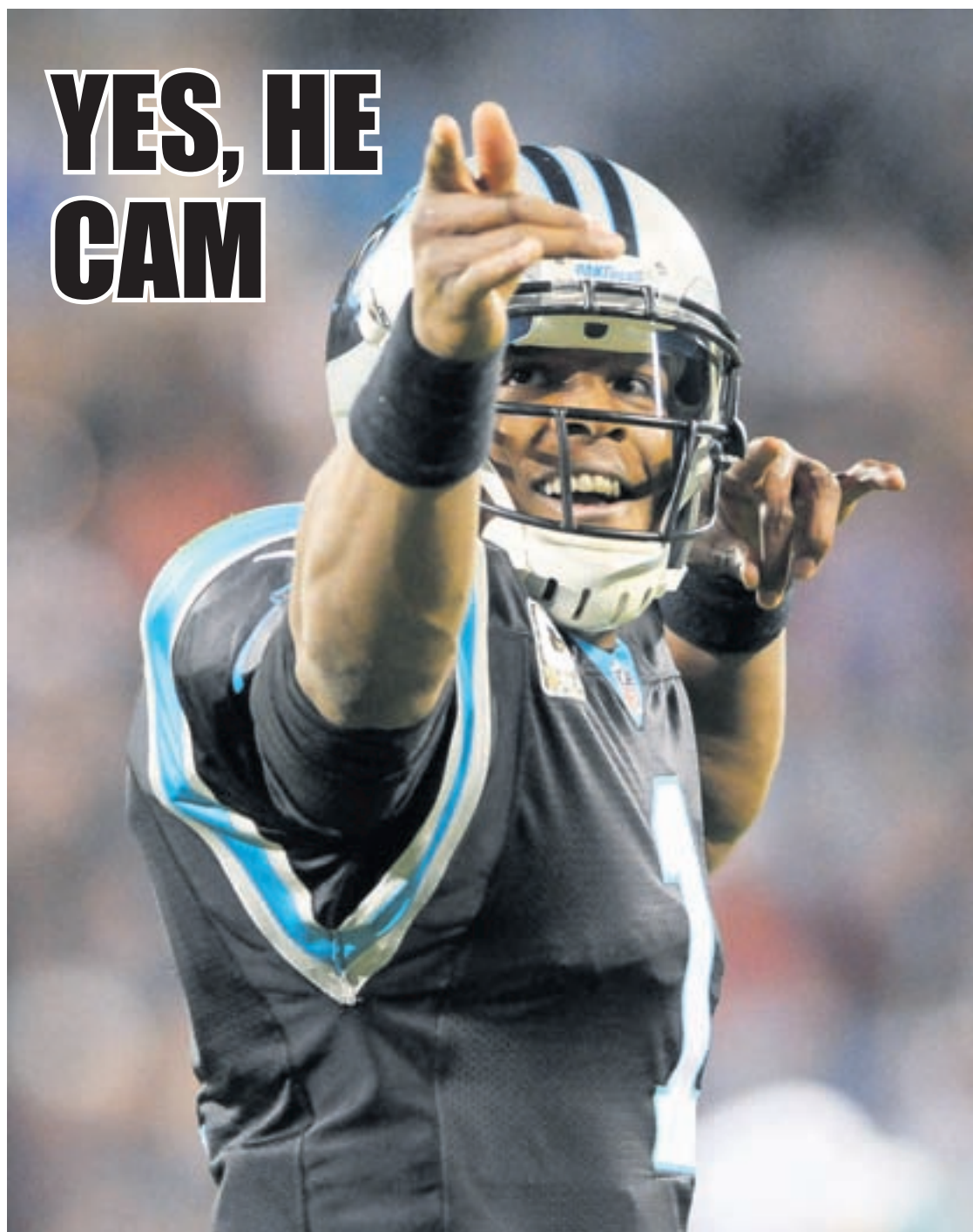
-- As "Sweet Caroline" pumped through the stadium and playoff-starved Panthers fans dressed all in black celebrated a big victory, Tom Brady ran after an official in search of an explanation.

Thrilling game, bizarre ending.

Brady and the Patriots were miffed after a penalty flag that was thrown in the end zone on the final play was suddenly picked up and waved off Monday night, giving the Carolina Panthers a 24-20 victory over New England for their sixth straight win. Cam Newton led the Panthers 83 yards on 13 plays and threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Ted Ginn Jr. with 59 seconds left to give the Panthers the lead.

The Patriots had a chance at an improbable comeback when Brady moved New England to the Carolina 18 with 3 seconds left and fired into the end zone as time expired.

Rookie safety Robert Lester intercepted the pass, but an official at the back of the end zone threw a flag for pass interference on linebacker Luke Kuechly, who had both arms wrapped around tight



**Carolina Panthers' Cam Newton (1) reacts after making a first down against the New England Patriots during the first half of an NFL football game in Charlotte, N.C., Monday, Nov. 18, 2013.**

**Associated Press**

end Rob Gronkowski.

The officials then gathered, however, and referee Clete Blakeman announced there was no foul on the play and the game was over.

"There was no explanation given to me. Officials ran off the field. I didn't see anything," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said.

"There was a flag thrown and then the game was over."

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## Golf rules tweaked over use of video technology

**The Associated Press**

Golfers will no longer be penalized if their ball moves from a position of rest without their knowledge under new rules to be introduced by the sport's governing bodies next year.

The U.S. Golf Association and the Royal & Ancient Golf Club addressed the issue of video technology while announcing several rule changes in a statement released on Tuesday. The joint statement read that where "enhanced technological evidence" shows that a ball has changed location, it "will not be deemed to have moved if that movement was not reasonably discernible to the naked eye at the time."

The R&A and the USGA say improved technology "has brought a new level of scrutiny to rules issues arising in elite golf tournaments" and "an increasing number of inquiries to officials from television viewers and others."□

## Fla. settles with clinic tied to MLB drug probe

**MIAMI (AP)** — The Florida Department of Health has closed its investigation of the anti-aging clinic that sparked Major League Baseball's probe of Alex Rodriguez, Ryan Braun and other players.

Department spokesman Nathan Dunn said Tuesday

that Biogenesis of America owner Tony Bosch paid a \$3,000 fine and signed a cease-and-desist order in July. The department had originally sought \$5,000.

Bosch was issued a Uniform Unlicensed Activity Citation for the profession of medicine. The department had

originally sought \$5,000.

The agreement was first reported by ESPN.

Bosch, alleged to have provided banned performance-enhancing drugs to major leaguers, is now cooperating with baseball's investigators.

Rodriguez was suspended

for 211 games by MLB on Aug. 5, and the players' association filed a grievance to overturn the discipline. Attorneys for the New York Yankees third baseman have said MLB's investigation is based on stolen documents and questionable testimony.□



# Vonn crashes while prepping for return to racing

**PAT GRAHAM**  
**AP Sports Writer**

**DENVER (AP)** — Reigning Olympic downhill champion Lindsey Vonn has crashed while training ahead of her return to racing following major knee surgery.

U.S. Ski Team spokesman Tom Kelly said Tuesday that Vonn is being evaluated at a hospital after being taken off the slope at Copper Mountain, Colorado, on a sled, which is standard procedure.

Kelly said he is not sure whether Vonn hurt her surgically repaired right knee.

"We have no reason to believe it's anything significant right now," Kelly said.

The four-time overall World Cup champion tore her ACL and MCL in a crash at the world championships in February. She has been aiming to return to World Cup competition next week in Beaver Creek, Colorado.

The Sochi Games are in February. With Vonn feeling her knee was months ahead of schedule, she thought about pushing up her comeback to the season-opening giant slalom in Soelden, Austria,

late last month. But she changed her mind, opting instead to continue to prepare.

Vonn recently said her super-G is "some of the best super-G I've ever skied, but my downhill still needs a little more time."

She's been taking practice runs in Copper Mountain, and posted on her Twitter account Monday: "Catching some air today in Downhill training."

She also recently said that she's reluctantly been wearing a protective knee brace under doctor's orders.

"It's in my best interest to play it safe," Vonn said. "I compromised and said that as long as I don't have to wear (the brace) for the Olympics, I'll be fine."

The 29-year-old Vonn, who lives in Vail, attended the NFL game between the Kansas City Chiefs and Denver Broncos on Sunday night, hanging out on the sideline with boyfriend Tiger Woods.

Vonn needs just three more wins to match Austrian great Annemarie Moser-Proell's record of 62 World Cup race victories. And while Vonn insists her primary focus this season



Lindsey Vonn, of Vail, Colo., speeds past the 2015 World Championships ski racing gate at the U.S. Ski Team training center at Copper Mountain, Colo., on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013.

Associated Press

is being fully healthy for Sochi, she acknowledges that World Cup mark would hold special meaning. "There are many Olympic champions, but to be the No. 1 winningest

World Cup racer of all time, you're alone on that list. You're at the top," Vonn said. "That would be more substantial for me and my legacy." □



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## Randolph, Conley lead Grizzlies over Clippers

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Zach Randolph had 26 points and 15 rebounds against his former team as the Memphis Grizzlies overcame the first-quarter ejection of shooting guard Tony Allen to beat the Los Angeles Clippers 106-102 on Monday in a rematch of their first-round playoff series.

Marc Gasol had 23 points, nine rebounds and eight assists to help put the Grizzlies (6-5) over .500 for the first time this season. Mike Conley scored eight of his 15 points during a 4-minute span of the fourth quarter. Blake Griffin had 23 points and 11 rebounds for the Clippers. Chris Paul had 18 points and 11 assists for his 11 straight double-double, the most by any player from the start of a season since Magic Johnson in 1990-91.

Allen was charged with a flagrant-2 foul with 1:51 left in the opening quarter after he lifted his left leg in a vain attempt to impede Paul's drive to the basket and kicked him in the face. Allen walked over to Paul at the foul line to apologize while referees Bill Kennedy, Mark Ayotte and John Goble watched the replay at the official scorer's table



Brooklyn Nets forward Paul Pierce (34) reacts as he is sandwiched between Portland Trail Blazers point guard Mo Williams (25) and Trail Blazers guard Wesley Matthews (2) while driving toward the basket in the first half of their NBA basketball game at the Barclays Center, Monday, Nov. 18, 2013, in Brooklyn.

to determine the severity of the foul.

**TRAIL BLAZERS 108, NETS 98**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — LaMarcus Aldridge scored 27 points, Wesley Matthews added 24 as Portland earned its seventh straight victory. Damian Lillard finished with 19 points and nine assists as the Trail Blazers withstood

the Nets' blistering start to win seven in a row in the same season for the first time since a 13-game run in December 2007. Portland (9-2) is just a half-game behind San Antonio and Indiana for the NBA's best record. The Blazers will try to complete a perfect 4-0 road trip Wednesday at

Milwaukee. Shaun Livingston scored 23 points for the Nets, who stormed out to their best first quarter of the season and then seemed to run out of gas against the younger Trail Blazers. Kevin Garnett made all six shots in the 40-point first period, then went 2 for 13 from there to

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finish with a season-high 16 points.

**BULLS 86, BOBCATS 81**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Luol Deng scored 21 points as the Bulls overcame a rough shooting night to record their fifth straight win. Carlos Boozer had 12 points and 17 rebounds for Chicago, which is on its longest winning streak since taking eight in a row from Feb. 20-March 7, 2012. Jimmy Butler had 14 points and Derrick Rose finished with 12.

Deng's 3-pointer with 27.1 seconds remaining gave the Bulls an 85-81 lead. Gerald Henderson then missed for the Bobcats, and Rose had a free throw to help Chicago wrap it up.

Rose, who hit a career-high six 3-pointers in the Bulls' 110-94 win Saturday over Indiana, went 4 for 13 from the field. The Bulls shot 27 of 75 (36 percent) overall.

Jeffery Taylor led Charlotte with a career-high 20 points and Henderson had 16.

**THUNDER 115, NUGGETS 113**

**OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)** — Kevin Durant scored 38 points and Russell Westbrook had 30 points and 12 rebounds as Oklahoma City rallied for the win. □



Dallas Mavericks' Vince Carter, left, talks with Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant, who is out of the lineup due to injury, after an NBA basketball game, Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013, in Dallas.

Associated Press

## Bryant goes through 2nd practice with Lakers

**EL SEGUNDO, California (AP)** — Kobe Bryant has participated in another full practice with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Bryant still isn't sure when he'll be back in uniform, but his second workout with his teammates Tuesday left him optimistic about his return.

The fourth-leading scorer in NBA history hasn't played since tearing his Achilles tendon in a game against Golden State in April.

He did several weeks of conditioning work before returning to practice last Saturday for a brief workout.

He did drills and 5-on-5 play

with the Lakers on Tuesday. He says he's "pleasantly surprised" by how good he felt afterward.

Bryant says he could adjust his game and contribute something to the Lakers right now, but he wants to make sure he's ready to play for the long haul when he returns. □





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## Penguins erupt with 3 in 3rd, slip by Ducks 3-1

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**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Sidney Crosby capped a third-period outburst with his 10th goal of the season as the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Anaheim Ducks 3-1 on Monday.

Brian Gibbons scored on the first shot of his NHL career and Brandon Sutter chipped in his fourth goal of the season as Pittsburgh's struggling offense found a rhythm late against the Pacific Division-leading Ducks. NHL Capsules Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 26 shots for Pittsburgh, which won for only the second time in six games. Crosby's goal was his second in 11 games.

Ryan Getzlaf scored his 11th goal for the Ducks, who earned just one point during a four-game East Coast road trip. Viktor Fasth made 24 saves but struggled in the final 20 minutes. Gibbons took a slick backhand pass from Evgeni Malkin to break a scoreless tie

3:56 into the third. The Penguins needed just 62 seconds to make it 2-0, as Sutter deflected a shot from the point by Olli Maatta. Anaheim responded immediately when Getzlaf scored his fifth goal in four games.

Crosby pushed Pittsburgh back in front by two, finishing the Penguins' three-goal outburst in a span of 4:04.

**BRUINS 4, HURRICANES 1 RALEIGH, North Carolina (AP)** — Reilly Smith and Carl Soderberg had a goal and an assist each in the first period as Boston topped Carolina.

Johnny Boychuk scored midway through the third period, and Milan Lucic added an empty-net goal for Boston, which has 11 points in its last seven games (5-1-1).

Boston killed four Carolina power plays, including 63 seconds when the Bruins were down two



Calgary Flames' TJ Galiardi (39) is hit by Winnipeg Jets' Chris Thorburn (22) during third period NHL hockey action in Winnipeg Monday, Nov. 18, 2013.

Associated Press

skaters. They haven't allowed a power-play goal in 32 short-handed situations since giving up goals on five consecutive power plays in October.

The Hurricanes played their first game since Oct. 24 with Cam Ward in net. Ward, who missed 10 games because of a leg injury, made 26 saves. He rebounded from a rough start in which he gave up two goals on Boston's first four shots. Tuukka Rask stopped 23 shots for Boston.

**FLAMES 5, JETS 4, SO WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP)** — Sean Monahan scored

the winning goal in the eighth round of a shootout as Calgary ended its six-game losing streak with a victory over Winnipeg.

Jiri Hudler had given Calgary a 4-3 lead with 3:26 remaining in regulation, but the Jets tied it on Bryan Little's with six seconds left. With Winnipeg goalie Al Montoya on the bench for an extra attacker, the Jets swarmed goalie Reto Berra, and Little put a rebound into an open side of the net.

Montoya made 29 saves. Berra stopped 43 shots, including three in overtime,

to help the Flames end their 0-5-1 skid.

Calgary's Michael Cammalleri scored his team-leading ninth goal of the season on the power play and added an assist. T.J. Brodie and Lance Bouma also scored.

Michael Frolik, Olli Jokinen and Dustin Byfuglien had goals for Winnipeg, and defenseman Grant Clitsome and Blake Wheeler both added a pair of assists.

In other NHL games Calgary 5, Winnipeg 4, SO; Boston 4, Carolina 1; and Pittsburgh 3, Anaheim 1. □

## Concussion expert says players still in fear

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)

— A leading concussion expert from the United States says players in high-level contact sports still are often fearful of sitting out games after head injuries because they might lose their positions in the team.

Chris Nowinski, a Harvard graduate and former wrestler, is a co-director of the Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy at Boston University, other-

wise known as the "Brain Bank," one of the leading research groups in the world on the effects concussions are having on athletes, highlighted by recent cases involving National Football League players. Nowinski has been in Melbourne meeting with officials from the Australian Football League players association and the National Rugby League. "There still has to be a culture change

with the players, they need to take that time off," Nowinski said in an interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday.

"They still have that impression that their job or role might be at risk. And I'm still not sure that players anywhere, even now, appreciate or understand the risk they are exposing themselves to." He said Australian officials and those in the United States have be-

come more aware of rest and recovery needed after concussions and head injuries, but even the prominent lawsuits in the NFL haven't improved the situation as much as he'd like to see it. "You would think so, particularly is a player is mishandled," Nowinski said of the threat of legal action against teams by their players over head injuries.

"There is no reason now why a player can't come

back to the team and say he had permanent brain damage and it was because of lack of proper treatment by the team doctors." One of those players seriously affected by head injuries is Shaun Valentine, a former rugby league player in Australia who retired in 2003 after suffering seven concussions in 18 months while playing for the North Queensland Cowboys. □





**Austria's Gyoergy Garics, left, and DaMarcus Beasley of US challenge for the ball during a friendly soccer match between Austria and United States in Vienna, Austria, Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013.**

**Associated Press**

**ERIC WILLEMSSEN**  
**Associated Press**

**VIENNA (AP)** — The United States slumped to a 1-0 defeat in a friendly game at Austria on Tuesday, finishing its record-setting year with a fourth loss in 23 matches. Austria striker Marc Janko

blasted the ball past goalkeeper Tim Howard in the 33rd minute, rounding off an attacking move started by David Alaba. The Austrian playmaker found the unmarked right back Gyorgy Garics, who set up Janko for his 16th career

# U.S. beaten 1-0 by Austria, ends record-setting year

goal for Austria. It was the first goal against Howard in 453 minutes of play for his club Everton and the national team. Referee Istvan Vad denied the U.S. what may have been a goal in the 17th minute. A corner by Michael Bradley found Geoff Cameron, whose header was deflected by Marko Arnautovic's. Austria goalkeeper Robert Almer punched the ball away from what appeared to be behind the goalline. In its best campaign ever, the U.S. had 16 victories in 2013 and qualified for the World Cup for a seventh time in succession. It was the eighth defeat in 44 matches under coach Jurgen Klinsmann. Austria failed to reach Brazil

2014 after being eliminated from a group won by Germany. After an unimpressive opening 10 minutes in front of 20,200 spectators, Austria created two chances through Martin Harnik. The winger dribbled past DaMarcus Beasley coming in from the left wing but couldn't beat Howard at the near post. The next minute, Harnik's quick move opened up the American defense but his cross didn't find Janko. The Americans responded with 20-meter efforts by Jozy Altidore, whose shot went wide, and Aron Johannsson, who forced keeper Robert Almer to a punching save. Harnik almost doubled the lead in the 49th with a curl-

ing shot past keeper Howard, though TV footage showed the winger was off-side while collecting a pass by captain Christian Fuchs. The United States pressed for an equalizer, but Austria played deep in its own half and allowed hardly any space. Altidore came closest but his low shot in the 74th was saved by Almer, and he sent a free kick wide in the closing minute. Austria coach Marcel Koller took his team to a seven-day training camp in Alicante, Spain, last week. He changed his team in several positions, giving defender Martin Hinteregger and attacking midfielder Lukas Hinterseer a place in the starting lineup for their first games for Austria. □

## NFL Roundup

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Blakeman said after the game that back judge Terrence Miles saw there was contact and Kuechly was not playing the ball, and that initially led Miles to call defensive pass interference. But Blakeman said the officials met and decided the ball was "underthrown" and it came down to a matter of "uncatchability."

A pass-interference call would have put the ball on the 1-yard line and given the Patriots one more shot at a game-winning touchdown with no time on the clock.

"You never like to end the game like that on a call but I'm pleased that our officiating crew got together and communicated and discussed it and ultimately we believe we got it right," Blakeman said.

An angry Brady ran down two officials to argue the call as they walked off the field, but later said he didn't get a good look at the play.

"I don't make the calls or the rules," Brady said. "I wish it wouldn't have

come down to that. I think there were plenty of plays we could've made. But it did, and they're going to make the call or they're not going to make the call. But we can play better than that."

Brady conceded he was cautious on the throw.

"(Gronkowski) was kind of weaving in and out of there. I didn't really want to throw it over his head and out of bounds, so I was a little indecisive," he said. "It wasn't a great throw. No excuses. Should have been a better throw."

Kuechly, who had a critical pass-interference call in a Week 2 loss to Buffalo, was a little nervous when he saw the flag on the ground.

"I was like, 'Oh, jeez. I don't know what this is going to be,'" Kuechly said. "My back was to Brady. I was just playing his eyes, playing his hands, waiting for his eyes to get big and his hands to go up and I was going to try to break it down. I didn't really see where the ball went. I think Robert had a hand on it or something. There were guys around that ball and that's what helps you out." Given a reprieve, the Pan-



**Carolina Panthers' Luke Kuechly (59) blocks New England Patriots' Rob Gronkowski (87) on the final play during the second half of an NFL football game in Charlotte, N.C., Monday, Nov. 18, 2013. The Panthers won 24-20.**

**Associated Press**

thers (7-3) celebrated. Brady finished 29 of 40 for 296 yards and one touchdown. Newton completed 19 of 28 passes for 209 yards

and three touchdowns. He also ran seven times for 62 yards in what will go down as one of his best games a pro. After the game, Car-

olina coach Ron Rivera called it a "gutsy effort." Newton's winning touchdown drive in the waning minutes of a game was the type of leadership performance the Panthers have been waiting for from the third-year pro.

Newton said "people want to keep making it about me and the plays that I made, but it's not a one-man show, by far." It just seemed that way.

He was 5 of 8 for 57 yards and ran twice for 18 yards on the go-ahead drive.

Panthers wide receiver Steve Smith, who had 62 yards on four catches, said Newton came of age Monday night. "It's just fantastic, just watching Cam grow, watching him lead this team, watching him go 85 yards," Smith said. "You hear all about statistics, about other guys having game-winning drives. Now Cam has his game-winning drive against a big team, against a worthy opponent. Just watching the young man grow - I just saw that young, 24-year old Cam Newton just chipping away and just a little hint of greatness is starting to shine through a little bit." □



# Hyundai to sell hydrogen-powered SUV in 2014

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**AP Auto Writer**

**DETROIT (AP)** — For years, the joke in the auto industry was that a mass-produced car that runs on hydrogen was always a decade away.

That will change next year when Hyundai starts selling a Tucson SUV powered by a hydrogen fuel cell. It will be the first mass-market vehicle of its type to be sold or leased in the U.S.

"These things are now ready for prime time," John Krafcik, Hyundai's North American CEO, said last week. His company plans to announce details of the new Tucson on Wednesday at the Los Angeles Auto Show.

Even as the industry focused on battery-powered and hybrid cars, automakers such as Hyundai, Honda and Toyota kept up research on fuel cells. Now they appear to have conquered obstacles such as high costs, safety concerns and a lack of filling stations. These vehicles could help the companies meet stricter future fuel-economy standards.

Automakers have been dabbling in hydrogen-powered cars since the 1960s. General Motors announced a test fleet of hydrogen-powered Chevy Equinoxes in the mid-2000s, and Honda leased about two-dozen FCX Clarity models for \$600 per month starting in 2005.

President George W. Bush allocated \$1.2 billion for hydrogen research and said in his 2003 State of the Union address: "The first car driven by a child born today could be powered by hydrogen and pollution free." But the program was largely scrapped by the Obama administration, which focused more on battery-powered vehicles.



A model poses next to a Hyundai Tucson facelift on display at the Kuala Lumpur International Motor Show in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013.

Associated Press

Hyundai now is making Bush's forecast come true, beating other auto companies to the mass market with Tucsons that have electric motors powered by a stack of hydrogen fuel cells. Hyundai plans to start selling the vehicles in Southern California and eventually spread to other areas as filling stations are built.

Hyundai says it has overcome safety and storage issues with a rear-mounted tank that has passed numerous crash tests without incident. As for filling stations, the California Air Resources Board says there currently are nine open to the public in the state. Legislators recently allocated about \$200 million per year for 100 more, to be built by 2023.

Also at the Los Angeles show, Honda Motor Co. is scheduled to show off a fuel-cell concept

vehicle, which it says hints at the aerodynamic design of the next generation fuel-cell vehicle to be launched in 2015. Further details weren't available.

Toyota Motor Corp. is scheduled to unveil its own concept fuel-cell vehicle at this week's Tokyo Motor Show. That one also is likely for distribution in the mass market in 2015.

General Motors continues work on its fuel-cell vehicles.

The largest U.S. automaker, which has spent a lot of time and resources on battery-powered cars such as the Chevrolet Volt, has no fuel-cell vehicles currently in its new product pipeline, spokesman Dan Flores said Monday. He said more work needs to be done on cost and infrastructure to make the cars viable.

Hyundai is expected to introduce

prices and details of how its cars will be sold or leased at the Los Angeles show. Automakers usually offer leases when they put new technology on the market.

Hydrogen cars likely will help automakers meet new goals from eight key states to put more zero-emissions cars on the road. The states, including California and New York, pledged late last month to work together to put 3.3 million battery-powered cars, plug-in hybrids and other clean-burning vehicles on the roads in those states by 2025. That's more than 15 times as many zero-emission vehicles projected to be in use in the entire U.S. by 2015. The other states in the pact are Massachusetts, Maryland, Oregon, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Vermont. The eight states together represent about 23 percent of the U.S. auto market. □

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# US stocks edge lower after disappointing earnings

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**AP Markets Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Disappointing earnings news helped push the stock market lower on Tuesday.

Electronics retailer Best Buy plunged after saying extended store hours and price-cutting could squeeze its fourth-quarter profit. Campbell Soup fell

sharply after reporting that its profit slumped as sales of soups and V8 drinks fell. The two stocks were the biggest decliners in the Standard & Poor's 500 index.

Even with the slight decline the S&P 500 is still up 25 percent so far in 2013 and has risen for six weeks straight, the longest winning streak since February. The extend-

ed run-up has prompted a number of market watchers to call for caution.

"We've had a phenomenal run, particularly in the last few weeks. I wouldn't be surprised if we would pull back from here," said Alec Young, global equity strategist with S&P Capital IQ.

The Dow Jones industrial

average edged down 8.99 points, or 0.1 percent, to 15,967.03, the first decline for the index in five days. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 3.66 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,787.87 and the Nasdaq composite fell 17.51 points, or 0.4 percent, to 3,931.55.

The Dow Jones industrial average and the S&P 500 crossed round-number milestones in early trading Monday but failed to build on those advances. The Dow crossed 16,000 and the S&P 500 hit 1,800 for the first time before falling back to close below those levels both Monday and Tuesday.

Retailers were a key focus on Tuesday, especially with the holiday shopping season coming up. Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, is one of the biggest shopping days of the year. Consumer spending is a critical component of the U.S. economy, so how consumers behave during the closely watched holiday season will give investors a sign about the outlook for growth.

Best Buy sank \$4.78, or 11 percent, to \$38.78 after its warning of a tough holiday trading period ahead. The company's stock is still up 227 percent this year, making it the second-best performer in the S&P 500 after

Netflix.

Home Depot rose 71 cents, or 0.9 percent, to \$80.38 after reporting income that surpassed analysts' expectations. The company also raised its earnings forecast for the year.

TJX Cos., which operates discount stores including T.J. Maxx and Marshalls, climbed 63 cents, or 1 percent, to \$63.12. Its income rose 35 percent as sales improved at both U.S. and international stores.

Investors will turn their thoughts back to the Federal Reserve on Wednesday.

Minutes from the Fed's October meeting will be released at 2 p.m. and investors will scour them to get a read on the central bank's stimulus policy. The central bank is currently buying \$85 billion of bonds a month to keep interest rates low and boost the economy. That has underpinned a rally in stocks.

Investors were also watching JPMorgan Chase. The bank reached a record \$13 billion settlement with federal and New York State authorities, resolving claims over the bank's sales of mortgage-backed securities that collapsed during the U.S. housing crisis.

JPMorgan closed 41 cents, or 0.7 percent, higher at \$56.15. □



Trader Thomas Donato, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013. Stocks are lower in early trading on Wall Street as traders pick over some disappointing corporate earnings.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

## United Airlines aims for \$2 billion in cost savings

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United Airlines said Tuesday that it will cut costs, overhaul its website, and shift flying from Asia to Europe as it aims to keep shareholders happy.

United didn't announce any furloughs as part of the cost-cutting measures outlined on Tuesday in a presentation to investors. A spokeswoman declined to comment on whether its plans include furloughs.

United says it is aiming to burn less fuel, make workers more productive, and improve its maintenance processes. It has been working with its mechanics' union to revamp which mainte-

nance jobs are done by the 2,000 workers at its San Francisco maintenance center, said Greg Hart, who runs the airline's technical operations.

United said it will overhaul its United.com website in phases starting next year. The airline has been struggling to run smoothly and produce consistent profits since merging with Continental in 2010.

One of United's goals is to boost the revenue it gets from add-ons such as meals, baggage, and admission to its lounges by \$700 million, to \$3.5 billion in 2017. It didn't lay out specific new fees or plans in this area, but executives said

options include bundling together fees. United already has several like that, such as \$349 for a "subscription" for a year's worth of checked baggage.

United is also adjusting where it flies. In March it will stop flying between Seattle and Tokyo under intense pressure from Delta Air Lines Inc. United will instead add a second daily flight to Tokyo from its biggest hub, Houston.

United partner All Nippon Airways still flies Seattle-Tokyo. Delta is United's archrival on Asia flying. It has two daily flights from Seattle to Tokyo, including a recently-added flight to Haneda airport, which is popular

with business travelers because it is closer to Tokyo's downtown. United is also dropping some flights within Asia, including Tokyo-to-Bangkok, and using a smaller plane for Tokyo-to-Seoul. It will still connect passengers on those routes through partner ANA.

Those planes that had been used in Asia will be shifted to new flights from Houston to Munich, and new seasonal flying from Washington to Madrid and Chicago to Edinburgh, Scotland.

United expects to boost overall 2014 flying capacity by 1 percent to 2 percent. Investors have been watching for United to catch up

with Delta in providing reliable profits.

Delta posted a 2012 profit, while United lost money. Analysts expect Delta to post a fourth-quarter profit, while United is expected to break even.

United said it will begin returning cash to shareholders in 2015. The company didn't say how, but returning cash typically involves paying a dividend or buying back shares. Delta reinstated a dividend in September. Shares of Chicago-based United Continental Holdings Inc. rose \$1.33, or 3.7 percent, to \$37.71 in afternoon trading. The stock is up 28 percent over the past three months. □



## Jury set to decide penalty between Samsung, Apple

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Associated Press

SAN JOSE, California (AP)—

A Silicon Valley jury asked a judge for calculators Tuesday to help it determine how much Samsung Electronics owes Apple for copying key features of the iPhone and iPad.

The federal judge presiding over the patent trial granted the jury's request Tuesday before the smartphone rivals' lawyers delivered their closing arguments. The one-week trial is being held to determine damages for 13 of the 26 devices an earlier jury said Samsung infringed Apple's patents in making.

Apple Inc. is demanding \$380 million. Samsung counters that it only owes \$52 million for using features such as "pinch-to-zoom" in the 13 older-generation products.

The jury is expected to begin deliberating Tuesday afternoon.

An earlier jury found Samsung had infringed Apple's patents in making and selling 26 products and awarded Apple \$1.05 billion. But U.S. District Judge Lucy Koh ruled that the jury miscalculated damages for 13 products. The current proceedings are somewhat of a warm-up for a much larger trial scheduled for March. That's when Apple's claims that Samsung's newer and current products are also copying the iPhone and iPad will be considered by a jury.

Apple's attempts to ban Samsung from selling some of the devices in question got a leg up on Monday. The U.S. Federal Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., ordered Koh to reconsider Apple's demands that some of the products a jury found infringed Apple's patents be barred for sale in the United States. Koh in December turned down Apple, ruling that the company didn't prove that consumers bought Samsung devices instead of Apple devices because of the infringement. □

# Nokia shareholders approve Microsoft deal

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Associated Press

HELSINKI (AP) — Nokia shareholders have overwhelmingly approved the sale of the ailing cellphone division and a portfolio of patents and services to Mi-

rosoft Corp. for 5.4 billion euros (\$7.2 billion). The vote came at the end of a five-hour extraordinary meeting of shareholders on Tuesday called by the Finnish phone maker that has seen its global market

share shrink as it battles stiff competition from Apple and Google Inc. in the lucrative smartphone trade. The approval, representing 99.5 percent of shares owned by 3,900 voters at the meeting, had been

Shareholders braved cold, November rain in the Finnish capital to attend the much-anticipated meeting. Hannu Ryyppö, a retired shareholder said he was pleased by the result after watching the gradual

feelings" among Finns for whom Nokia was a symbol of the small Nordic country's success. But, he added, it was the best deal for the company and the best offer for the loss-making devices unit. Following the sale, which is expected to complete in early 2014, Nokia will be known as Nokia Solutions and Networks and will be focusing its resources on providing technology used by mobile devices for the transfer of data, including phone calls, video and connecting to the Internet. The sale brings to an end Nokia's serial attempts to revive its handset sales, which continued to plunge in the third quarter with a net loss of 91 million euros. Although that was an improvement from the 969 million euros loss a year earlier, revenue dropped more than 20 percent to 5.6 billion euros in the quarter.

Finns have watched in despair as the company, named after the southern town of Nokia where it was founded in 1865, faltered — from both top-end iPhones and Samsung handsets using Google's popular Android software, and cheaper manufacturers in China and Asia. Nokia's fall from grace has been blamed on its tardiness to gauge trends and to meet challenges. □



Board members Elizabeth Nelson, left, Elizabeth Doherty, 2nd left, and Nokia Leadership Team members Stephen Elop and Michael Halbherr, right, have their picture taken with a Nokia Lumia smartphone at the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of Nokia Corporation, Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013 at the Helsinki Ice Hall, Helsinki, Finland. Nokia's shareholders vote on Tuesday on whether or not to allow the corporation to sell its handset business to Microsoft.

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has seen its global market

widely expected as Nokia's stock price has more than doubled since the September announcement of the deal. On Tuesday, however, it closed down 3 percent at 5.82 euros on the Helsinki Stock Exchange.

decline of the company. "Now it feels good again. This is a really good result," Ryyppö said. "It's a new beginning for Nokia." Chairman Risto Siilasmaa said he was aware that the sale "would raise deep

## Yellen reiterates support for Fed's bond buying

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Janet

Yellen says a "strong majority" of Federal Reserve officials think the Fed's low-interest-rate policies have supported a still-recovering U.S. economy.

Responding to questions from members of the Senate Banking Committee, Yellen said the U.S. economy would likely be weaker if the central bank had not acted aggressively.

Yellen's responses were released Wednesday, one day before the committee is expected to vote to back her nomination to succeed Ben Bernanke as Fed chairman. In letters to

the committee, Yellen defended the Fed's monthly bond purchases, which have been intended to keep long-term rates down to encourage borrowing and spending. Critics have charged that the bond purchases haven't helped the economy and have raised the risks of high inflation or asset bubbles.

"While monetary policy is not a panacea for all of the nation's economic difficulties, our economic situation would almost certainly be far worse had the Federal Reserve not acted aggressively," Yellen said in response to questions from Sen. David Vitter, a critic of the Fed's bond buying who

has said he'll vote against her nomination.

Yellen's remarks suggested that the Fed is standing behind its \$85 billion a month in bond purchases for now. She said it's monitoring potential risks. Sen. Elizabeth Warren asked Yellen whether she thought the Fed should lower the 6.5 percent unemployment level it's set as a threshold that would have to be reached before it would consider raising short-term rates. Many economists think the Fed will soon lower that threshold unemployment rate to 6 percent.

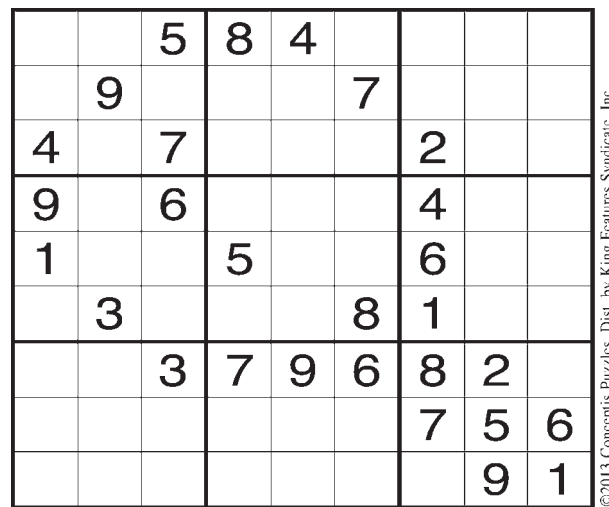
Yellen noted that the Fed, in its latest economic forecast, viewed an unemploy-

ment rate between 5.2 percent and 5.8 percent as a level the economy can achieve in the long run.

Yellen did not endorse lowering the threshold rate to 5 percent to 6 percent before the Fed begins raising short-term rates. But she repeated comments Bernanke has made that the Fed's policies will likely remain accommodative "long after" the unemployment threshold has been reached. After the Banking Committee likely backs Yellen's nomination Thursday, the timing of a vote in the full Senate is uncertain. Some senators have said they planned to hold up her nomination as leverage on other matters.



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# Changing coaches has improved NFL fortunes

**CHASE STUART**

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NFL teams are rarely patient. Owners and general managers are more apt to replace a struggling coach than to support him. This past offseason, eight teams switched coaches, not including New Orleans, which welcomed the return of Sean Payton after his one-year suspension. A coaching hire typically takes years to evaluate, but through 12 weeks, all eight coaches are either exceeding expectations or providing hope for the future.

Andy Reid may be the worst thing to happen to struggling coaches. In 2012 under Romeo Crennel, the Kansas City Chiefs appeared to be a talented team but finished 2-14. Even the biggest Kansas City optimists could not have expected the addition of Reid and quarterback Alex Smith to turn the Chiefs into a Super Bowl contender overnight. But Reid has all but locked up the Coach of the Year award and engineered one of the great turnarounds in league history.

Chip Kelly, who replaced

Reid in Philadelphia, has done a superb job, too. The 2012 Eagles were a 4-12 team that relied on fourth-quarter comebacks to win each of those games. Philadelphia had an inconsistent offense and a terrible defense, which caused ownership to make the splashy hiring of the off-season by bringing in Kelly from Oregon. The Eagles' offense has come close to matching the hype that surrounded Kelly's arrival. Philadelphia is in the top 10 in yards and points per game, and the Eagles are the only team to rank in the top three in both yards per pass attempt and yards per carry. Nick Foles has 16 touchdown passes and no interceptions and leads the league in yards per pass attempt, and LeSean McCoy leads the NFL in yards from scrimmage.

Kelly is not as well known for his work on the other side of the ball, but the Eagles' pass defense has improved. In 2012, the Eagles ranked last by allowing a touchdown on 6.8 percent of all pass attempts; that number has been nearly cut in half, to 3.5, in 2013, the ninth-best mark in the

league.

The Cardinals chose Bruce Arians, last year's Coach of the Year with Indianapolis, to replace Ken Whisenhunt, who was fired after Arizona, which started 4-0 last season, finished 5-11. After beating Jacksonville on Sunday, the Cardinals have already eclipsed last season's win total and are in the hunt for the playoffs. Arians has not quite been the quarterback whisperer some had hoped for, but his hiring of Todd Bowles as defensive coordinator has worked wonders. According to Football Outsiders, the Cardinals have fielded the second-best defense in the NFL this season (before Monday night's game), behind Carolina.

Rob Chudzinski inherited a rebuilding project in Cleveland. Under Pat Shurmur, the Browns were 9-23 in two seasons. Cleveland did not draft a quarterback in 2013, leaving the

offense stuck in neutral with the underachieving Brandon Weeden. Chudzinski's bosses made his job harder when they traded running back Trent Richardson after the team started 0-2. Until he gets his quarterback, it is not fair to blame Chudzinski for the offense. Doug Marrone, like Chudzinski, took over a team that lacked the talent to compete with top teams. The Buffalo Bills drafted quarterback EJ Manuel in the first round, and Buffalo is 3-4 in games Manuel has started. □

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# Puerto Rico's glowing lagoon goes nearly dark

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Associated Press

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)** — A glowing lagoon

off Puerto Rico's northeast coast has gone nearly dark and biologists on Tuesday were trying to find out why. Theories range from an increase in construction runoff to inclement weather to people clearing mangroves to allow larger boats into the area.

"We have been compiling data," Carmen Guerrero, secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, said in a phone interview as she headed toward Las Cabezas de San Juan Nature Reserve with a team of scientists to investigate the problem. "There are a lot of factors that could be at play."

The bioluminescent lagoon, often referred to as a bay, attracts tourists who set out in kayaks or boats by night from the neighboring city of Fajardo to see waters that glow when microscopic organisms are disturbed. A greenish light swirls off hands and arms as visitors trail them through the water.

But the bioluminescence has dropped so much that



This April 1, 2005 file photo shows the Fajardo Grand Lagoon at the Nature Reserve of Las Cabezas de San Juan at dawn, about 35 miles east of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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tour operators have had to cancel trips and reimburse visitors, Guerrero said.

Fajardo Mayor Anibal Melendez told reporters that the lagoon has been dark for at least eight days.

"We've never seen anything like that," he said.

Melendez blamed runoff from the construction of a nearby water and sewer plant, and he has asked that the plant be moved elsewhere.

Officials involved with the plant deny it's the cause. But as a preventive measure, the government temporarily suspended construction of the plant for two weeks until scientists

from various agencies including the U.S. Geological Survey can figure out what is causing the problem, Guerrero said.

She stressed that officials do not know if possible construction runoff is to blame. Recent rains and a storm that is generating heavy waves is another possibility for affecting the lagoon's bioluminescence, Guerrero said. "It's important to give these experts room so they can do their job and help us understand what happened in the lagoon and why it has temporarily lost some of its brightness," she said.

Alberto Lazaro, president of

the state Water and Sewer Authority, said he will evaluate scientists' findings before deciding how to proceed in several weeks.

He said the plant is needed because people are discharging sewage into the lagoon and nearby ocean. The project, which is to be completed by 2016, was approved by the territory's Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which is providing the funding.

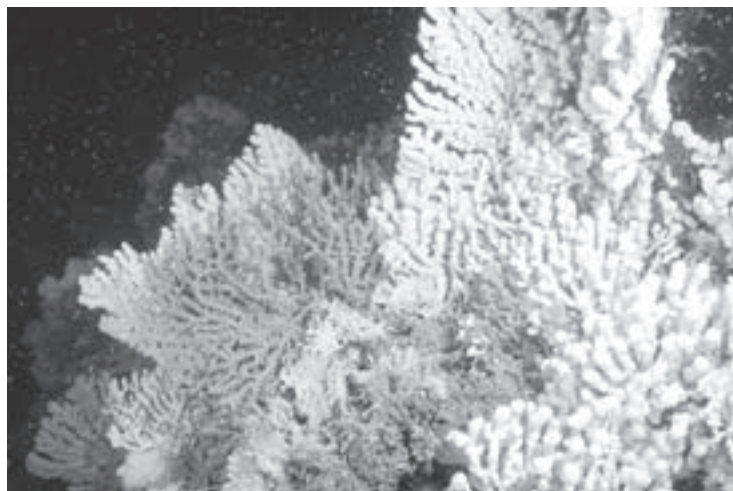
"The goal of the project is to conserve this valuable resource, and we have designed and developed this project taking all those re-

quirements into account," Lazaro said.

Laura Velez, who heads the government's Environmental Quality Board that monitors such projects, said that the plant has had adequate erosion and sediment control and that officials had regularly inspected it to ensure compliance with environmental standards. The Conservation Trust of Puerto Rico, which manages the lagoon and surrounding areas, collects water samples three times a week to record data including temperature, salinity and precipitation. Guerrero said scientists will analyze that data to help solve the mystery of the darkening lagoon.

Miguel Sastre, a biology professor at the University of Puerto Rico who has long studied Fajardo's bioluminescent lagoon, one of three in the territory, said it went nearly dark in 2003 for unknown reasons, but rebounded a couple of months later.

He said in a phone interview that his main concern this time is the construction of the water and sewer plant because it coincides with the drop in bioluminescence. □



This undated photo provided by GEOMAR shows a Norwegin coral reef with gorgonian and stony corals in Norway.

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## Zooplankton decline reported in North Atlantic

DAVID SHARP

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**PORTLAND, Maine (AP)** — The microscopic creatures

that make up a critical link in the ocean food chain declined dramatically the first half of this year in the North Atlantic as ocean temperatures remained among the warmest on record, U.S. scientists say.

Springtime plankton blooms off the coast of northern New England were well below average this year, leading to the lowest levels ever seen for the tiny organisms, said Kevin Friedland, a marine scientist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The absence of the nor-

mal surge of plankton in the spring is a concern because that's when cod and haddock and many other species produce offspring, Friedland said.

"The first six months of 2013 can be characterized by new extremes in the physical and biological environment," Friedland said.

The findings come after temperatures off the Northeast U.S. hit an all-time high in 2012.

This year, sea surface temperatures during the first six months in the North and Middle Atlantic remained the third warmest on record, Friedland said.

The data remains in line with an overall warming of the ocean. The warming

ocean worries many fishermen in the North Atlantic.

Warm water was blamed for lobsters shedding their shells far earlier than usual in 2012, leading to a glut that caused prices to plummet and created turmoil in the industry in Maine and Canada. Fishermen across New England also have reported finding fish in their nets that are normally found far to the south.

Bob Nudd, a lobsterman in New Hampshire, said he's seeing plenty of black sea bass, a species that he used to see only occasionally. He's also seeing more shell disease in lobster, something many fishermen blame on the warmer temperatures. □

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# Elvis Presley's intellectual property rights sold

**ADRIAN SAINZ**  
Associated Press  
MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP)

— The money-making enterprise called Elvis Presley has been sold.

Authentic Brands Group said Tuesday it has bought Elvis Presley's intellectual property from CORE Media Group and is partnering with the founder of another company to operate the Graceland tourist attraction.

The purchase gives Authentic Brands control of Elvis Presley Enterprises, which manages the licensing and merchandising rights to Presley's image, name and likeness, in addition to a massive collection of music, photos, movies, television appearances and performance specials featuring the King of Rock 'n' Roll.

As part of the deal, National Entertainment Collectibles Association founder

Joel Weinshanker acquires Graceland's operating rights, according to a statement announcing the sale. Weinshanker, Authentic Brands and the Presley family will partner in operating Graceland, it added. A purchase price wasn't disclosed, and an Authentic Brands spokesman didn't return a call seeking comment. The New York-based intellectual property corporation, also known as ABG, manages brands including Marilyn Monroe and Muhammad Ali.

"This is an exciting day for Elvis and his fans," Priscilla Presley, the singer's former wife, said in a statement. "We look forward to working with the ABG team to further promote the legacy of Elvis. This is the opportunity the family has been envisioning to expand the Graceland experience and enhance Elvis' image all over the world."

Presley's daughter, Lisa Marie Presley, said she will continue to own the Graceland home and the original items inside it.

"The licensing and merchandising aspect of this business is not to be confused with the fact that the property will always remain with me and my family," Lisa Marie Presley said.

Elvis Presley died at age 42 in Memphis on Aug. 16, 1977.

The Graceland home opened for tours on June 7, 1982. Presley-related exhibits, restaurants and gift shops selling clothing and memorabilia are located across the street from the home. More than 500,000 people visit Graceland each year, bringing in millions in tourist revenue for its owner and the city.

Elvis Presley Enterprises runs a worldwide merchandising and licensing business that keeps Elvis' legend



In a Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2012 file photo, a memorial to Elvis Presley is displayed outside Graceland, Presley's Memphis, Tenn. home to commemorate the 35th anniversary of Presley's death.

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strong. In 2012, Elvis Presley Enterprises CEO Jack Soden said the licensing business generated about \$32 million a year in revenue.

Plans to refurbish and modernize the tourist attraction

had been put on hold, but they could be renewed now that the sale is complete. Priscilla and Lisa Marie Presley both mentioned a possible expansion of Graceland in their statements Tuesday. □

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# Monty Python set to reunite for a show



This is a Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009. file photo of from left, actors Michael Palin, John Cleese, Terry Jones, Terry Gilliam and Eric Idle attend the IFC and BAFTA premiere of "Monty Python: Almost The Truth (The Lawyers Cut)", in New York.

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**LONDON (AP)** — Big news in the comedy world: Monty Python is set to reunite for a stage show. Python member Terry Jones told the BBC on Tuesday he's excited the group is reuniting. He said he hopes to make enough money to pay off his mortgage. The group had its first big success with the Monty Python's Flying Circus TV show, which ran from 1969

until 1974, winning fans around the world with its bizarre sketches.

The group branched out into movies including "Life of Brian" and backed theatrical shows such as "Monty Python's Spamalot." The five surviving members last performed together in 1998.

The sixth member, Graham Chapman, died of cancer in 1989. □

# Suzanne Vega samples 50 Cent

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Singer-songwriter Suzanne Vega has seen her work sampled by rap artists many times. Now she's showing the inspiration runs both ways. The New Yorker samples 50 Cent's song, "Candy Shop" in a track featured on her upcoming album, due in February.

Vega's 1987 song "Tom's Diner" has been sampled at least 36 times by other artists, including by Tupac, Snoop Dogg, Danger Mouse and the Black Eyed Peas. She's usually happy to give permission when asked.

While recording the song "Don't Uncork What You Can't Contain" for her new disc, Vega said she was reminded of the rhythms in "Candy Shop," which itself



This Dec. 23, 2011 file photo shows U.S. singer Suzanne Vega performing at the concert in honor of Vaclav Havel in Lucerna Hall in Prague.

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borrowed from the Salsoul Orchestra. She asked her producer, Gerry Leonard, if they should contact 50 Cent's producer to work on the track; Leonard suggested just sampling it. "I said, 'Oh, I hadn't thought of that,'" Vega said. □



In this March 9, 2011, file photo, people line up to enter the Foxwoods Theatre for a matinee showing of "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark," in New York.

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# 'Spider-Man' producer sees better fit in Las Vegas

**MARK KENNEDY**

**AP Drama Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — One of the lead producers of Broadway's "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark" says moving the show to Las Vegas makes sense because Sin City has always been a better fit for the splashy musical than the Great White Way.

"We can have a more exciting and better show in Las Vegas. To me, Las Vegas is the town of show business," Michael Cohl said Tuesday, a day after announcing the Broadway version would close in January. "If you look at our show, it's much, much more a spectacle and a Vegas show than a Broadway show. So I think we're going to have a great time there."

Cohl said he and producer Jeremiah J. Harris decided to pull the plug on the New York version after the show — among Broadway's biggest earners for years — sprung a leak this summer and never recovered. It last broke the \$1 million mark in mid-August and has limped through a dismal fall. Producers had said it needed to make \$1.2 million a week just to break even.

"It's no secret that September and October were not a lot of fun. It was screaming at us: 'The time has come.' And so there it is.

It's come," Cohl said. "We expect to have a good run through the rest of the year, and the last couple of weeks of December we expect to be fantastic because they have been the last years."

Last week, the show took in just \$742,595, less than half its \$1,543,508 potential despite a Foxwoods Theatre that was three-quarters full. The musical, with songs by U2's Bono and The Edge, is now routinely discounting tickets.

"Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark" — Broadway's most expensive show, with a price tag of \$75 million — had a rocky start, with six delays in its opening night, injuries to several actors, a shake-up that led to the firing of original director Julie Taymor and critical drubbing.

The show began previews in late 2010 but didn't officially open until mid-June 2011, long after many critics had already tired of the delays and written crushing reviews.

Some 2 million people have seen it and it will have played 1,268 performances when it closes on Jan. 4.

Of the difficult decision to abandon New York, Cohl was philosophical: "It's not heart-wrenching. Heart-wrenching is when your kid is sick in the hospital." The numbers were simply

no longer there: It attracted 9,000 ticket buyers a week but needed 10,000 or 11,000.

He added that there were economic advantages to closing and having the Vegas show use some elements of the Broadway production. And looking ahead offered no respite: January and February are often cold and lonely months on the Great White Way.

Word of a new home for the show has swirled for months as its earnings dipped.

A touring version initially had been discussed but a permanent home always seemed a better fit for a show that has loads of aerial acrobatics, high-tech sets and digital projections. One thing that has stood in the way of a move from Broadway was the legal uncertainty that clouded its future. Taymor, the original "Spider-Man" director and co-book writer, was fired in 2011.

She slapped the producers and others with a federal copyright infringement lawsuit, alleging they violated her creative rights and hadn't compensated her for the work she put into the show.

The producers filed a counterclaim asserting the copyright claims were baseless. A settlement was announced in April. □



## The Three Burials Of Obamacare



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The first time Obamacare seemed finished, doomed, door-nail-dead, the voters of Massachusetts played the would-be executioner. In January 2010, they sent a pickup-driving Republican to the Senate to fill Ted Kennedy's seat, apparently depriving the health care bill of its crucial 60th vote and sending Democrats scrambling for a Plan B.

Except that Plan B turned out to be Plan A, thanks to the maneuverings of Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi and the surprising stiffness of Democratic spines - and a bill that seemed undone by voter backlash went staggering across the legislative finish line instead. The second time Obamacare seemed headed for an early grave, it was the conservative justices on the Supreme Court who were going to see it off, by following through on their oral-argument inclinations and finding the individual mandate unconstitutional.

Except that Chief Justice John Roberts Jr. took the more politically cautious route instead - declining to overturn the mandate even though that's where his analysis seemed to point, and finding a legal via media that kept the health care law limping toward implementation.

Now we've reached Obamacare's third near-death experience, and if the law actually goes down this time there will be a lot of fingerprints on the murder weapon: Kathleen Sebelius and her hapless crew of Internet engineers; the voters infuriated at being thrown from their existing coverage into the not-really-working exchanges; panicking congressional Democrats and gleeful congressional Republicans; the media, long favorably disposed to the project but now scenting second-term blood; and of course the president himself, whose "noble lie" that everyone could keep their coverage has made the backlash that much worse.

But the deeper force at work, the reason that these near-death experiences keep happening, isn't a website or a broken presidential promise. It's a problem inherent to contemporary liberalism, which is that liberals' proudest achievement, the modern welfare state, tends to resist, corrupt and baffle their efforts at comprehensive reform.

This was the message of Jonathan Rauch's book "Government's End," which was first published in the Clinton era, and which I've recommended before as essential to understanding liberalism's struggles in the Obama years. Because our government spends and regulates so much,

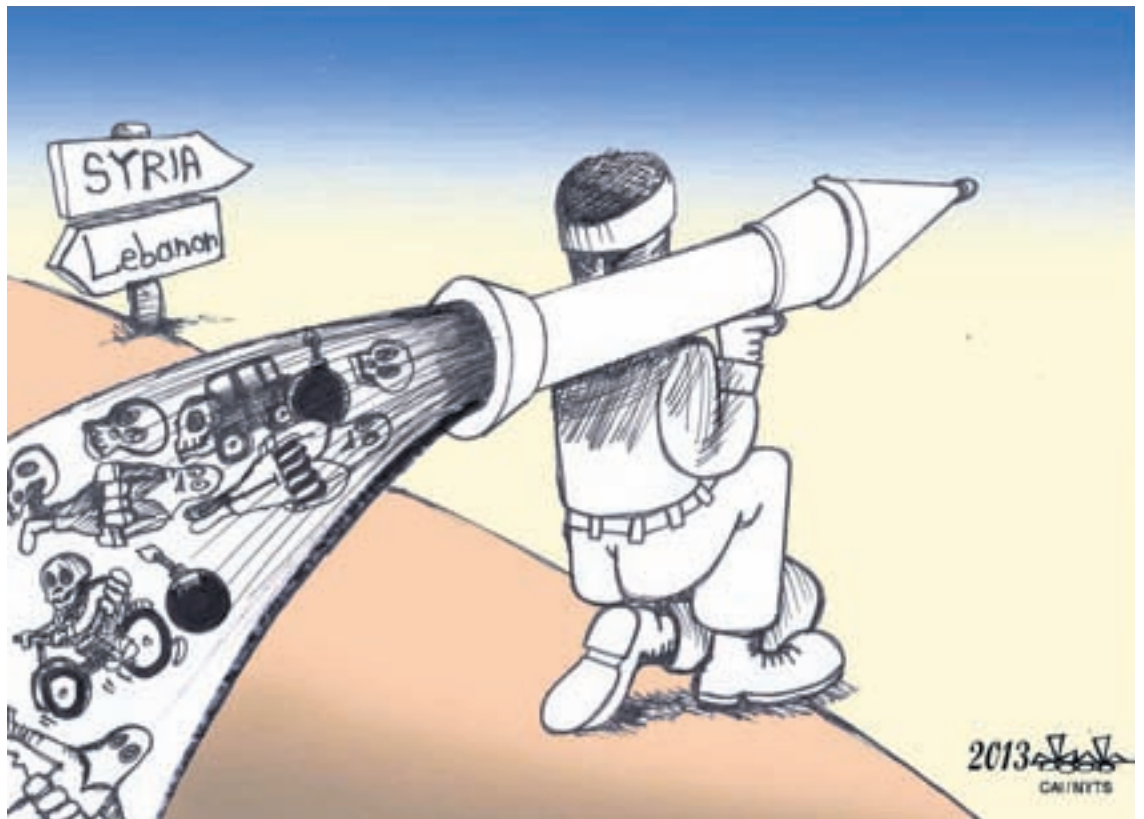
Rauch argued, because its influence sprawls into so many walks of life, because so many clients and beneficiaries and interest groups depend on its programs and policies, the policy status quo is far harder to dislodge today than it was during the Progressive Era or the New Deal or the Great Society.

This status quo bias is structural rather than ideological; it frustrates limited-government conservatives as well as liberal technocrats. But the frustration has been much more acute and ironic for Democrats, who find themselves handcuffed by the very achievements they aspire to emulate, and attacked by the beneficiaries of yesterday's liberal programs when they attempt to propose programs for tomorrow.

Up to a point, these are realities the Obama White House seemed to grasp, which is why they've gotten further with health care reform than Bill Clinton did in 1993. From a political perspective, both the complexity of Obamacare's interlocking mandates, subsidies and regulations and the disingenuous promises that accompanied its passage were arguably design features rather than bugs - intended to buy off, to appease, to burden-spread and cost-conceal and generally reassure everyone just long enough to get the system up and running.

But the White House's cleverness had inevitable limits, which is why the law keeps facing backlash in fresh places, and why the media keep getting the chance to prepare Obamacare's obituaries. And what's going on right now, the convergence of the website's technical problems with the backlash surrounding canceled plans, reveals the perils of trying to outsmart the political system's status quo bias. Your strategy can end up so intricate and deceptive, and your policy so complex and jerry-built, that something as basic as a malfunctioning website can suffice to bring the whole policy crashing down. The welfare state's ability to defend itself against reform, however, carries a cautionary message for Obamacare's critics as well. What isn't killed outright grows stronger the longer it's embedded in the federal apparatus, gaining constituents and interest-group support just by virtue of its existence even if it doesn't work out the way it was designed. And as disastrous as its launch has been, if the health care law can survive this crisis in the same limping, staggering way it survived Scott Brown and the Supremes, then it will be a big step closer to being part of the status quo, with all the privileges and political strength that entails.

So yes - it's possible that this brush with death will be fatal, possible that the law will fall with the lightest, most politically painless push. But it's still likely that Obamacare will be undone only if its critics are willing to do something more painful, and take their own turn wrestling with a system that resists any kind of change. □



## Prudence Or Cruelty?



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When members of Congress debate whether to slash the food stamp program, they should ask if they really want more small children arriving at school having skipped breakfast.

As it is, in the last few days of the month before food stamps are distributed, some children often eat less and have trouble focusing, says Kisha Hill, a teacher in a high-poverty prekindergarten school in North Tulsa, Okla.

"Kids can't focus on studying when their stomachs are grumbling," Hill told me.

Some 47 million Americans receive food stamps, including some who would otherwise go hungry - or hungrier. A recent government study found that about 5 percent of American households have "very low food security," which means that food can run out before the end of the month. In almost a third of those households, an adult reported not eating for an entire day because there wasn't money for food.

Meanwhile, 14 percent of American toddlers suffer iron deficiency. Malnutrition isn't the only cause, but it's an important one - and these children may suffer impaired brain development as a result. This kind of malnutrition in America is tough to measure, because some children are simultaneously malnourished and overweight, but experts agree it's a problem. We expect to find

malnourished or anemic children in Africa and Asia, but it's dispiriting to see this in a country as wealthy as our own.

Let me take that back. It's not just dispiriting. It's also infuriating. "The cutback in food stamps represents a clear threat to the nutritional status and health of America's children," says Dr. Irwin Redlener, the president of the Children's Health Fund and a professor of pediatrics at Columbia University. Redlener said that one result of cutbacks would be more kids with anemia and educational difficulties.

Food stamp recipients already took a cut in benefits this month, and they may face more. The Senate Democratic version of the farm bill would cut food stamps by \$4 billion over 10 years, while the House Republican version would slash them by \$40 billion.

More than 90 percent of benefits go to families living below the poverty line, according to federal government data, and nearly two-thirds of the recipients are children, elderly or disabled.

Let's remember that the government already subsidizes lots of food. When wealthy executives dine at fancy French restaurants, part of the bill is likely to be deducted from taxes, which amounts to a subsidy from taxpayers. How is it that food subsidies to anemic children are more controversial than food subsidies to executives enjoying coq au vin?

Meanwhile, the same farm bill that is hotly debated because of food stamps includes agricultural subsidies that don't go just to struggling farmers but also, in recent years, to 50 billionaires or companies they are involved in, according to the Environmental Working Group, a Washington research group.

Among the undeserving people receiving farm subsidies has been a New York Times columnist. Yes, I have been paid \$588 a year not to grow crops on wooded land I own in Oregon

(I then forward the money to a maternity hospital in Somaliland). When our country pays a New York journalist not to grow crops in an Oregon forest, there's a problem with the farm bill - but it's not food stamps.

Granted, safety-net spending is more about treating symptoms of poverty than causes, and we may get more bang for the buck when we chip away at long-term poverty through early education, home visitation for infants, job training and helping teenagers avoid unwanted pregnancies.

That said, food stamps do work in important ways. For starters, they effectively reduce the number of children living in extreme poverty by half, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in Washington.

By improving nutrition of young children, food stamps also improve long-term outcomes. In recent years, mounting scholarship has found that malnutrition in utero or in small children has lasting consequences.

One reason seems to be that when a fetus or small child is undernourished, it is programmed to anticipate food shortages for the remainder of its life. If food later becomes plentiful, the metabolic mismatch can lead to diabetes, obesity and heart disease.

An excellent study last year from the National Bureau of Economic Research followed up on the rollout of food stamps, county by county, between 1961 and 1975. It found that those who began receiving food stamps by the age of 5 had better health as adults. Women who as small children had benefited from food stamps were more likely to go farther in school, earn more money and stay off welfare.

So slashing food stamp benefits - overwhelmingly for children, the disabled and the elderly - wouldn't be a sign of prudent fiscal management by Congress. It would be a mark of shortsighted cruelty. □



# A Changed Dallas Grapples With Its Darkest Day

**MANNY FERNANDEZ**

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**DALLAS** - When President John F. Kennedy's motorcade left the airport here shortly before noon on Nov. 22, 1963, the man seated in the lead car was the county sheriff, Bill Decker, 65, a storied Texas lawman who led the hunt for Bonnie and Clyde. Fifty years later, the badge belongs to Lupe Valdez, 66, the daughter of Mexican migrant farmworkers. She is the only sheriff in the United States who is an

ry later in a distinctly American place that is part Dallas Cowboys, part Texas excess and part urban melting pot, where the public school students come from homes where 70 languages are spoken. Painful, embarrassing memories of the angry anti-Washington culture that flourished here 50 years ago - and now seems a permanent part of the national mood - have resurfaced, confronting Dallasites daily.

Blocks from Dealey Plaza,

"I've learned a lot about my city through this," Rawlings said. "The world is peering into Dallas and saying, 'What's that place all about right now, 50 years later?' We've grown a lot, and we've changed a lot. The main story about Dallas is it took that punch and turned that tragedy into motivation to go to the next level."

In the early 1960s, a small but vocal subset of the Dallas power structure turned the political climate toxic,

Time has given Dallas enough distance: The majority of residents were either not born or were living elsewhere 50 years ago, and the white-hot figures have either died or moved away. But more important, Dallas has been comfortable publicly grappling with its past in part because what it was then is so different from what it is now.

In 1963, Dallas was the 14th-largest city in the country, with a majority-white population of nearly

votes, he handily won Dallas County.

"Dallas is like our country - we are a work in progress," said Ron Kirk, who served as the city's first black mayor from 1995 to 2002. "When you look back and reflect on some of the rhetoric that filled our city streets, you do realize that that can target us all, and the actions of a few have the ability to reflect back on all of us."

Lee Harvey Oswald was a Marxist and not a product of right-wing Dallas. But because the anti-Kennedy tenor came not so much from radical outcasts but from parts of mainstream Dallas, some say the anger seemed to come with the city's informal blessing.

"It was, I think, a city that was tolerant of hate and hate language," said John A. Hill, 71, who in 1963 was student-body president of Southern Methodist University in Dallas. "There were people who spoke out against that, but in general city leaders were indifferent to that toxic atmosphere."

In the 1970s, there was a strong push to tear down the shuttered Texas School Book Depository. A handful of leaders, including Wes Wise, then the mayor, succeeded in preserving the redbrick building, which the county bought in 1977. The top two floors were later turned into a museum. Now, more than 320,000 people each year stand next to Oswald's sniper's perch on the sixth floor and peer out the windows at Dealey Plaza below.

"When you think about an effort to tear down the building in the '70s, you can really get a sense of how far Dallas has come in accepting and internalizing this deep tragedy," said Stephen Fagin, associate curator of the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, which opened in 1989. "This is the journey Dallas has taken, from assassination to commemoration, moving from memory to history."

Now its first five floors are occupied by county offices. One who often has county business there is Valdez. □



A picket fence covered with notes on top of the grassy knoll in Dealey Plaza in Dallas, Nov. 10, 2013. The city is preparing for the biggest event it has ever held to mark the day and hour of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, a ceremony that is expected to draw more than 5,000 people Friday to the plaza.

(Rex C. Curry/The New York Times)

openly gay Hispanic woman. Voters re-elected Valdez, a Democrat, to a third term last year.

Dealey Plaza - where the darkest day in Dallas history unfolded 40 minutes after the motorcade began - looks eerily similar to what it was then, the sixth-floor corner window of the former Texas School Book Depository still cracked open slightly. But Dallas itself is almost as different as Bill Decker is from Lupe Valdez. And the tension between past and present has unleashed a wave of citywide self-reflection a half-centu-

ry later in a distinctly American place that is part Dallas Cowboys, part Texas excess and part urban melting pot, where the public school students come from homes where 70 languages are spoken. Painful, embarrassing memories of the angry anti-Washington culture that flourished here 50 years ago - and now seems a permanent part of the national mood - have resurfaced, confronting Dallasites daily.

Inciting a right-wing hysteria that led to attacks on visiting public figures. In the years and months before Kennedy was assassinated, Lyndon B. Johnson, his wife, Lady Bird, and Adlai E. Stevenson, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, were jostled and spat upon in Dallas by angry mobs. In sermons, rallies, newspapers and radio broadcasts, the city's richest oil baron, a Republican congressman, a Baptist pastor and others, including the local John Birch Society, filled Dallas with an angry McCarthy-esque paranoia.

700,000, a provincial place whose mostly white, mostly male establishment set the agenda. In 2013, Dallas is the nation's ninth-largest city, with a majority-minority population of 1.2 million. It is home to the first black district attorney in Texas and the largest urban arts district in the country.

Most of the suburbs in the Dallas-Fort Worth region are solidly Republican and bastions of Tea Party conservatives, but Dallas itself leans Democratic. Though President Barack Obama lost Texas in the 2012 election by nearly 1.3 million